



**BOURKE
SHIRE
COUNCIL**

I hereby give notice that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:

Date: Monday, 24 May 2021
Time: 9.15am
Location: Bourke Shire Council
29 Mitchell Street Bourke NSW

BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting

24 May 2021

**Mark Riley
General Manager**

Time	Event	Representative	Organisation
9.00am	Community Open Forum for members of the public to address Council		
11.00am	Monthly Update	Superintendent Andrew Hurst	Central North Police District



DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM COUNCIL OFFICIAL

FOR USE AT COUNCIL AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

NAME OF COUNCIL OFFICIAL DECLARING INTEREST:
ACTION PROPOSED:
<p>Tick one box only:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In my opinion, my interest is pecuniary, and I am therefore required to take the action specified in Part 4 of Council’s Code of Conduct.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In my opinion, my interest is non-pecuniary but significant. I am unable to remove the source of conflict. I am therefore required to treat the interest as if it were pecuniary and take the action specified in clause 5.10 of Council’s Code of Conduct.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In my opinion, my interest is non-pecuniary and less than significant. I therefore make this declaration as I am required to do pursuant to clause 5.11 of Council’s Code of Conduct. However, I intend to continue to be involved with the matter.</p>
COUNCIL OFFICIAL
<p>I, _____ (name of COUNCIL OFFICIAL) disclose the above interest and acknowledge that I will take appropriate action as I have indicated above.</p> <p>Signed: _____ Date: _____</p>
GENERAL MANAGER – required for all declarations:
<p>I have noted the above declaration and I note your opinion and/or the action you have proposed.</p> <p>Signed: _____ Date: _____</p>
DEFINE YOUR INTEREST:
<p>Is your interest:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pecuniary (see dealing with pecuniary interests)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non pecuniary (see dealing with non–pecuniary interests)</p>
MATTER IN WHICH YOU HAVE AN INTEREST: (Please provide full details, including item number on Council agenda)
NAME OF THE INTEREST:
<p>Be specific and include information such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The names of any person or organisation with which you have a relationship; - The nature of your relationship with the person or organisation; - The reason(s) why you consider the situation may (or may be perceived to) give rise to a conflict between your personal interests and your public duty as a COUNCIL OFFICIAL .

<p>MANAGING LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS:</p> <p>Clause 5.11 of Council’s Code of Conduct provides that if you determine that a non-pecuniary conflict of interest is less than significant and does not require further action, you must provide an explanation of why you consider that conflict does not require further action in the circumstances.</p>
<p>IS YOUR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT?</p> <p>If you are of the view that your non-pecuniary interest is less than significant, please provide your explanation directly below (only complete if you are claiming that your non-pecuniary interest is less than significant).</p> <p> </p> <p> </p> <p> </p>
<p>DEFINITIONS:</p> <p>A PECUNIARY INTEREST is an interest that a designated person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to the person (see Part 4 of Council’s Code of Conduct).</p> <p>A NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST is a private or personal interest that does not amount to pecuniary interest as defined by Part 5 of Council’s Code of Conduct.</p>
<p>MANAGING PECUNIARY INTERESTS:</p> <p>Part 4.10 of Council’s Code of Conduct requires designated persons to declare in writing to the General Manager the nature of a pecuniary interest the person has in any Council matters, as soon as practicable after becoming aware of the interest.</p>
<p>MANAGING SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS:</p> <p>Clause 5.10 of Council’s Code of Conduct provides that you must manage a significant non-pecuniary interest by not participating in consideration of, or decision making in relation to, the matter in which you have the significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest and the matter being allocated to another person for consideration or determination, or if the significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest arises in relation to a matter under consideration at a council or committee meeting, by managing the conflict of interest as if you had a pecuniary interest in the matter by complying with clauses 4.28 and 4.29 of the Code.</p>
<p>MANAGING NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS:</p> <p>Clause 5.8 of Council’s Code of Conduct states that how you manage a non-pecuniary interest will depend on whether or not it is significant. Clause 5.9 of Council’s Code of Conduct states that, as a general rule, a non-pecuniary conflict of interests will be significant where a matter does not raise a pecuniary interest but involves:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a relationship between a council official and another person who is affected by a decision or a matter under consideration that is particularly close, such as a current or former spouse or de facto partner, a relative for the purposes of clause 4.4 of the Code or another person from the council official’s extended family that the council official has a close personal relationship with, or another person living in the same household; b) other relationships with persons who are affected by a decision or a matter under consideration that are particularly close, such as friendships and business relationships. Closeness is defined by the nature of the friendship or business relationship, the frequency of contact and the duration of the friendship or relationship; c) an affiliation between the council official and an organisation (such as a sporting body, club, religious, cultural or charitable organisation, corporation or association) that is affected by a decision or a matter under consideration that is particularly strong. The strength of a council official’s affiliation with an organisation is to be determined by the extent to which they actively participate in the management, administration or other activities of the organisation; d) membership, as the council’s representative, of the board or management committee of an organisation that is affected by a decision or a matter under consideration, in circumstances where the interests of the council and the organisation are potentially in conflict in relation to the particular matter; e) a financial interest (other than an interest of a type referred to in clause 4.6 of the Code) that is not a pecuniary interest for the purposes of clause 4.1 of the Code; f) the conferral or loss of a personal benefit other than one conferred or lost as a member of the community or a broader class of people affected by a decision.

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6 MAYORAL MINUTE**6.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - MAYORAL ACTIVITIES**

File Number: M1.1
Author: Barry Hollman, Mayor
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

The Activities of the Mayor from 23 April 2021 to 19 May 2021 are as follows:

Date	Meeting	Location
27/04/2021	Health Inquiry Witness Briefing re: Process	Conference Room
29/04/2021	Meet with Mayor Craig Davies, Narromine Council, and others re triple road trains accessing Bourke.	Council Chamber
30/04/2021	Attended Health Inquiry	Cobar
10/05/2021	Council's Health & Wellbeing Training Day	BOBEC

Recommendation

That Council notes the information in the Mayoral Minute – Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 24 May 2021.

6.2 MAYORAL MINUTE - ORANA REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (OROC)

File Number: D4.7 - M2.1
Author: Mark Riley, General Manager
Authoriser: Barry Hollman, Mayor
Attachments: Nil

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you are aware, Bourke Shire Council was a member of the very successful Orana Regional Organisation of Councils, known as OROC. Other member Councils in this ROC were Bogan, Bourke, Brewarrina, Cobar, Coonamble, Dubbo, Gilgandra, Mid-Western, Narromine, Walgett, Warren, and Warrumbungle Council's.

As part of the NSW Governments legislation to create voluntary Joint Organisation's, OROC was disbanded.

In this regard, and despite attempts at the time to keep the OROC members in one Joint Organisation, two (2) separate Joint Organisation's for the region were created as follows:

- Far North West Joint Organisation: Comprising the Councils of Bourke, Cobar and Walgett. (Brewarrina Shire declined to join.)

- Orana Joint Organisation: Comprising Bogan, Gilgandra, Mid-Western, Narromine, Warren and Warrumbungle's Councils. (Coonamble and Dubbo declined to join.)

Advice has recently been received from the Mayor of Narromine Council and the Chair of the Orana Joint Organisation, Councillor Craig Davis, advising as follows:

"As you may be aware the six Councils who were members of the Orana Joint Organisation have resigned their membership and collectively advised the Minister of Local Government of this decision.

The current model for the JO was completely untenable leaving Councils with no alternative other than to withdraw their support.

All former Orana JO Councils have acknowledged the need for continued collaboration within the region and, as such, at their meeting of 12 May 2021, recommended that I write to the former OROC Councils inviting them to provide feedback on their desire to form a voluntary group, similar to the old ROC model, that enables continued collaboration and input on a regional basis.

Can you please provide any comments and feedback to myself immediately following your June meeting."

Whilst not wishing to jeopardise the various projects, the level of collaboration and successes of the Far North West Joint Organisation, I see considerable merit in the formation of a voluntary group that is based on the 12 council "footprint" of the former OROC model with Bourke Shire Council potentially being involved. I do note that the success of the previous OROC organisation

was the level of trust in the room as a result of the formation of solid relationships between the Councils over numerous years. In this regard it is important in my view that for this proposal to be successful, all potential Councils are members and all Councils are seen as being equal to the others, as was the case in the past. As important is the need for the Alliance to be a very lean organisation such that any membership fees are minimised.

Having regard to the above I would propose that Council concur to involvement in discussions with former OROC member Councils regarding the formation of a voluntary alliance of councils based on the OROC footprint, with discussions regarding such matters as funding, membership and other governance matters for a further report in due course to Council.

Recommendation

That on the basis of Council retaining its involvement in the FNWJO, Council concur to involvement in discussions with former OROC member Councils regarding the formation of a voluntary alliance of councils based on the OROC footprint, with discussions regarding such matters as funding, membership and other governance matters for a further report in due course to Council.

7 STARRING OF ITEMS

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting - 26 April 2021



Date: Monday, 26 April 2021
Time: 9.15am
Location: Bourke Shire Council
29 Mitchell Street Bourke NSW

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

26 April 2021

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**MINUTES OF SHIRE OF BOURKE
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL, 29 MITCHELL STREET BOURKE NSW
ON MONDAY, 26 APRIL 2021 AT 9.15AM**

PRESENT: Cr Barry Hollman (Mayor), Cr Victor Bartley, Cr Sarah Barton, Cr Ian Cole, Cr Sally Davis, Cr Cec Dorrington, Cr Lachlan Ford (Deputy Mayor), Cr Sam Rice, Cr Robert Stutsel, Cr John Thompson

IN ATTENDANCE: Mark Riley (General Manager), Peter Brown (Manager Works), Mark Gordon (Manager Roads), Dwayne Willoughby (Manager Environmental Services), Kai Howard-Oakman (Executive Assistant)

1 OPENING PRAYER

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor then provided an Acknowledgement of Country

3 REMEMBRANCE

Council stood in silence in the memory of the following recently deceased:

Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

Shirley Bannerman	Keith Buckman	Paul Arthur Faulkner
Vona Jennings	Don Le Lievre	Ana Kaluua Soquouata Onoruta
Robin Padgett	Kasey Smith	Richard Smith
James Arthur (Mick) Waters		

4 APOLOGIES

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

6 MAYORAL MINUTE

6.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - MAYORAL ACTIVITIES

File Number: M2.1

The Council had before it the Mayoral Activity Report of the Mayor from 21 March – 22 April 2021.

Resolution 2021/81

Moved: Cr Barry Hollman

That the information in the Mayoral Minute – Mayoral Activities as presented to Council on Monday, 26 April 2021 be noted.

Carried

7 STARRING OF ITEMS

Council’s Code of Meeting Practice provides that Council may at any time, resolve to adopt multiple items of business on the agenda by way of a single resolution.

In this regard the Council had before it a list of reports, unstarred, with such items proposed to be adopted by Council in a single resolution.

Resolution 2021/82

Moved: Cr Sally Davis

Seconded: Cr Sam Rice

That the the recommendations as detailed in the un-starred items contained in the Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of Council, held on Monday, 26 April 2021 be adopted.

Carried

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

File Number: C2.23

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager attaching the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council and the Confidential Meeting of Council as held on Monday 22 March 2021.

Resolution 2021/83

Moved: Cr Sam Rice

Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council and the Confidential Meeting of Council held on Monday 22 March 2021 be confirmed.

Carried

9 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

10 RESCISSION MOTION

Nil

11.1 * BUSINESS ARISING**

File Number: C12.1

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding business outstanding from previous meetings of Council.

Resolution 2021/84

Moved: Cr Lachlan Ford

Seconded: Cr Sally Davis

That the information in the Business Arising Report as presented to Council on Monday, 26 April 2021 be noted.

Carried

11.2 INFORMATION TO COUNCILLORS

File Number: C12.1

The Council had before it the report of the Executive Assistant detailing the list of correspondence distributed to Councillors for the period 19 March to 22 April 2021.

Resolution 2021/85

Moved: Cr Sally Davis

Seconded: Cr Sam Rice

That the contents of the Information to Councillors Report as presented to Council on Monday, 26 April 2021 be noted.

Carried

11.3 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

File Number: C12.6

The Council had before it the report of the Executive Assistant detailing dates for upcoming Council Meetings.

Resolution 2021/86

Moved: Cr Sally Davis

Seconded: Cr Sam Rice

That the information in the Calendar of Events Report as presented to Council on Monday, 26 April 2021 be noted.

Carried

12 Engineering Services Department

12.1 TREE REPLANTING PROGRAM

File Number: T6.2

The Council had before it before it the report of the Manager Works regarding the Tree Replanting Program, "Street Trees - Suitable Species List".

Resolution 2021/87

Moved: Cr Sally Davis

Seconded: Cr Sam Rice

That Council adopt the updated "Street Trees - Suitable Species List" for Bourke attached to the report of the Manager of Works as presented to Council on Monday, 26 April 2021.

Carried

13 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Nil

14 GENERAL MANAGER

14.1 PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION OF LAND AS OPERATIONAL LAND

File Number: L1.16

The Council had before it before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Proposed Classification of Land as Operational Land.

Resolution 2021/88

Moved: Cr Sally Davis

Seconded: Cr Sam Rice

That in accordance with the provisions of section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993 and following notification of the proposed resolution in accordance with section 34 of the Act, that Council classify the land located east of Monomeeth Street, Bourke described as Lot 2 DP 1057615 as Operational Land.

Carried

14.2 * WANAARING LEVEE**

File Number: L3.7

The Council had before it before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Wanaaring Levee.

Resolution 2021/89

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington

1. That having regard to the Wanaaring communities' requests regarding the Wanaaring levee and the high costs associated with any installation of a flood barrier system, Councils position in respect of the Wanaaring levee be that it retain the earthen levee as constructed last year except for the removal of that section of the levee essentially where it crosses Vicary St near Hebden St and that in the event of future flooding concerns, Council subsequently reinstate the previously removed section of the levee.
2. That it be noted that the estimated cost of removing and subsequently reinstating, as required, the levee at the subject location is \$7,000 and \$10,200 respectively.
3. That removal of the Vicary St/Hebden St section of the earthen levee be undertaken in early June 2021 subject to there being no significant rainfall in the Paroo River catchment during April – May 2021 that results in high river flows and potential for above moderate flood levels in the Wanaaring area.
4. That the Wanaaring community be advised accordingly of Councils determination.

Carried

15 CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

15.1 * BANK RECONCILIATION & STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES**

File Number: F1.1

The Council had before it the report of the Manager of Corporate Services regarding Councils Bank Reconciliation and Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 March 2021.

Resolution 2021/90
 Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington
 Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel
 That the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 March 2021 be noted.
Carried

15.2 * INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

File Number: F1.1

The Council had before it the report of the Manager of Corporate Services regarding Council's Investment Portfolio as at 31 March 2021.

Resolution 2021/91
 Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington
 Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel
 1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio 31 March 2021 be received and noted.
 2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted.
Carried

16 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Nil

17 TOURISM & EVENTS

Nil

18 DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Nil

19 POLICIES

19.1 DRAFT BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL ROADSIDE RESERVE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

File Number: R7.1.10

The Council had before it the report by the Manager of Road Services the Bourke Shire Council 3.6.12(V1) - Roadside Reserve Policy and Procedures.

Resolution 2021/92

Moved: Cr Sally Davis

Seconded: Cr Sam Rice

1. That the Roadside Reserve Policy and Procedure be adopted.
2. That the documentation be forwarded to LGNSW to finalise Councils acquittal of its grant funding.

Carried

20 PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

20.1 * OUTBACK RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE**

File Number: D5.2

The Council had before it a request from Bourke Public School for in-kind support to assist in holding the Outback Rugby League Challenge.

Resolution 2021/93

Moved: Cr Lachlan Ford

Seconded: Cr Ian Cole

That Council accede to the request of Bourke Public School for Council's in-kind support to assist in holding the Outback Rugby League Challenge, up to an amount of \$1,000.

Carried

20.2 * REQUEST FOR SUPPORT - BUSH BURSARY - RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK (RDN)**

File Number: D5.2

The Council had before it an application from the Rural Doctors Network (RDN) requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$3,300.

Resolution 2021/94
Moved: Cr Ian Cole
Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley

Motion
 That the request from the Rural Doctors Network requesting financial support in the amount of \$3,300 to assist the Bush Bursary Scheme be noted.

Carried

Suspension of Standing Orders

Resolution 2021/95

Motion
Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel
Seconded: Cr Lachlan Ford

That Council suspend standing orders to meet with representatives of NSW Police and Bourke High School.

Carried

The meeting reports having met with Superintendent Andrew Hurst and Inspector Jeff Little from Bourke Police regarding Policing matters. The meeting also reports having met with Mr Rob Bourke, Principal of Bourke High School.

Resumption of Standing Orders

Resolution 2021/96

Motion
Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel
Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington

A motion was moved that Council resume standing orders.

Carried

The meeting resumed, the time being 11.03am.

20.3 * REQUEST FOR SUPPORT - CWA NSW FAR WESTERN GROUP PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENT**

File Number: C12.1-D5.2

The Council had before it a request for financial support to supply certificates, books for participating schools and cash prizes to assist the students participating in the NSW Far Western Group Public Speaking Event.

Resolution 2021/97

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington

That Council accede to the request of CWA of NSW Far Western Group, in the amount of \$100.

Carried

21 ACTIVITY REPORTS

21.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT ROAD WORKS ACTIVITY REPORT

File Number: E7.1

The Council had before it the Activity Report of the Manager Roads regarding the Road Works section of Council.

Resolution 2021/98

Moved: Cr Sally Davis

Seconded: Cr Sam Rice

That the information in the Engineering Services Department Road Works Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 26 April 2021 be noted.

Carried

21.2 PARKS & GARDENS, TOWN SERVICES & WATER & WASTEWATER ENGINEERING SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT

File Number: E7.1

The Council had before it the Activity Report of the Manager Works regarding the Parks and Gardens, Town Services and Water and Wastewater Sections of Council.

Resolution 2021/99

Moved: Cr Sally Davis

Seconded: Cr Sam Rice

That the information in the Parks & Gardens / Town Services / Water & Wastewater Engineering Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 26 April 2021 be noted.

Carried

21.3 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT - ACTIVITY REPORT

File Number: D3.1-A11.1-A8.1

The Council had before it the Activity Report of the Manager Environmental Services regarding the Environmental Services Section of Council.

Resolution 2021/100

Moved: Cr Sally Davis

Seconded: Cr Sam Rice

That the information in the Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 26 April 2021 be received and noted.

Carried

21.4 GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITIES REPORT

File Number: G2.1

The Council had before it the Activity Report of the General Manager.

Resolution 2021/101

Moved: Cr Sally Davis

Seconded: Cr Sam Rice

That the information in General Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 26 April 2021 be noted.

Carried

21.5 LIBRARY MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File Number: L4.1

The Council had before it the Activity Report of the Library Manager.

Resolution 2021/102

Moved: Cr Sally Davis

Seconded: Cr Sam Rice

That the information in the Library Managers Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 26 April 2021 be noted.

Carried

21.6 TOURISM & EVENTS MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File Number: T4.1

The Council had before it the Activity Report of Councils Tourism and Events Manager.

Resolution 2021/103

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington

That the information in the Tourism and Events Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 26 April 2021 be noted.

Carried

22 CLOSED SESSION

Nil

The Meeting closed at 11.10am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 May 2021.

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CHAIRPERSON

9 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

10 RESCISSION MOTION

Nil

11 BUSINESS ARISING

11.1 * BUSINESS ARISING**

File Number: C12.1
Author: Mark Riley, General Manager
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

Business outstanding from previous meetings.

Current Situation

KEY: Action Still Pending Action in Progress Action Complete

GM GENERAL MANAGER	MW MANAGER WORKS
MCS MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES	MRS MANAGER ROAD SERVICES
MES MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	

321/2018	RENAMING SENIOR CITIZENS BUILDING TO BOURKE COMMUNITY CENTRE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY - MANAGER ENVIRONMENT SERVICES
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	1. Draft Community Centre Management Plan placed on Public Exhibition for 28 days until 4.00pm, 26/03/2021 2. Report to be submitted to May 2021 Council Meeting

362/2018	BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT 2016 - UPDATE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY - MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
FILE NUMBER	E6.1-E6.4-L8.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
1. That 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 – matter evolving

427/2018	PROPOSED CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE PCYC
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	MARK RILEY - GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	L1.17-Y1.7-LD-L11.14.3
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That the General Manager prepare a detailed report in relation to the matter, including the seeking of legal advice if necessary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In progress 2. Teleconference held 20/08/2020 3. Correspondence sent to PCYC 25/8/20 and followed up for response 20/10/20 & 16/11/2020 4. Matter further discussed with Crown Lands staff on 09/03/2021 for their contact with PCYC

156/2019	CONFIDENTIAL – CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT FACILITIES
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN - MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES PETER BROWN - MANAGER OF WORKS
FILE NO	S3.2.3
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That 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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ongoing 2. Water use study near completion. Will then make application for additional funding.

274/2019	DROUGHT – WATER UPDATE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN - MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES
FILE NO	W2.2.9 – W2.2.9.1
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That the General Manager write to the State Government seeking their urgent consideration of the construction of a regulator or additional weir including a fish ladder upstream of Bourke at a location identified as BU8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter sent & meeting held. 2. State Government commits to preparation of Western Weirs Strategy. 3. Teleconference involving staff and Councillors held with State Water on 22/9/2020 re Strategy. 4. Meeting held with DPIE representatives on 10/11/2020 & 11/11/2020. 5. Further briefing on Strategy held 10/02/2021.

2020/111	DUAL NAMING OF THE DARLING RIVER – DARLING RIVER BAAKA
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES
FILE NO	R6.5
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That Council seek further clarification from the on which section of the Darling River will be dual named Baaka and will the name be Darling Baaka River / Baaka Darling River or Darling River Baaka.	Ongoing. Geographical Names Board contacted.

2020/168 & 2020/416	13.6 TRANSFER OF LAND TO THE WHIDDON GROUP, DARLING ST BOURKE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	MARK RILEY - GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	L1.13-L1.16

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
1. That in accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government Act, 1993, Council proceed to take the necessary action to prepare a local environmental plan that seeks to reclassify community land located at 17 - 29 Darling Street, Bourke as Operational land.	1. Discussions held by MES with Dept of Planning Officers to Progress LEP matter Meeting with Dept of Planning will take approximately 12 months to complete.
2. That Council proceed to prepare and enter into a Deed for Land Acquisition with the Whiddon Group in respect of their eventual acquisition of the site at 17 - 29 Darling Street, Bourke, following the reclassification of the subject land to Operational land.	2. Draft Deed forwarded to Whiddon Group 19/08/2020.
3. That if required, the General Manager be authorised to execute, on behalf of Council as the existing registered owner of land at 17 - 29 Darling Street, Bourke, owner’s consent in respect of the lodgement of a Development Application by the Whiddon Group in respect of upgrading works at the facility.	3. Discussions as to process held with Whiddon. Transfer subject to reclassification
4. That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council.	4. Report submitted to Council in December 2020 re: Reclassification Process 5. Gateway determination approved. Independent public hearing and advertise for 28 days. Public consultation to follow. 6. Agreement reached between parties regarding Transfer Deed.
7. That Council prepare a planning proposal, seeking gateway determination to amend Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012 (LEP) to reclassify lots 1/1145233, 2/11/758144, 3/11/758144 and 2/227656, being 17-29 Darling Street, Bourke, from community to operational land and submit the supported Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for consideration for a Gateway Determination in accordance with section 3.34 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.	7. Planning Proposal lodged for Gateway determination with Department of Planning, Industry & Environment, via NSW Planning Portal, on 5/1/21. 8. Report on LEP Amendment to be submitted to May 2021 Council Meeting.

2020/223	BOURKE AIRPORT - LEASE OF LAND – ITEM - 23.2
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	MARK RILEY - GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	A6.1-F3.1-LD
DECISION	
1. That the General Manager be authorised to take the necessary action in respect of the leasing of Lot 64 DP 1027306, Bourke Airport, to Viva Energy Australia Pty Ltd as per the terms detailed in the report of the Acting Manager of Infrastructure and Projects.	1. Lease prepared and provided to Viva 26/10/2020.
2. That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council.	2. Lease signed and now awaiting registration

2020/236	14.2 BOURKE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	MARK RILEY - GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	A6.1
DECISION	
1. That Council seek quotations for the preparation of a Master Plan at the Bourke Airport to determine the availability of land for the proposed development and future developments.	Brief prepared, quotations to be invited.

2020/320	14.2 LEP AMENDMENT UNDER S3.22
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY – MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
FILE NO	T5.3
DECISION	
Council request the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to rezone Lot 62 DP 1027306 from SP2 Infrastructure to IN1 General Industrial in accordance with the provisions of Sections 3.22 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.	Further report to be brought back to Council mid-2021.

2020/325 & 326	REVIEW OF CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2019/2020 AND REALLOCATION OF FUNDS – ITEM 15.5 - MOUNT OXLEY
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	MARK RILEY – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	R2.5
DECISION	
1. That Council note the report on the responsibility and current condition of the access road to the summit of Mount Oxley. 2. That Council note the status of telecommunication infrastructure located atop Mount Oxley. 3. That following a title search discussions be held with the owners of the land and the various owners of the telecommunications infrastructure atop Mount Oxley with a view to sourcing funding for at least the \$80,000 in maintenance work and potentially a further \$110,000 for the	Extensive title searches have been completed. Liability issues being pursued by Booth Brown Legal for further report.

<p>guard rail installation, for a further report to Council including consideration to any contribution by Council.</p> <p>4. That Council investigate its potential liability as a result of the public use of the access road to the top of Mount Oxley and a report be submitted back to Council.</p>	<p>Meeting held with Mr & Mrs Stalley on 10 December 2020.</p> <p>Risk review undertaken by Councils insurers on 16/03/21. Awaiting advice to allow instructions to be issued by Booth Brown Legal to prepare licence documentation.</p>
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2020/374	9.1 – NOTICE OF MOTION – IMPROVED SAFETY MEASURES ON RURAL HIGHWAYS
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	MARK GORDON – MANAGER ROAD SERVICES
FILE NO	R7.1-R7.5.1
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<p>Bourke Local Traffic Committee be requested to give consideration to the issue of representations being made to Transport for NSW (Roads and Maritime Services) for improved safety measures on rural highways”.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Matter referred to BLTC meeting held on 18/05/2021. 2. TFNSW member advised issue was not a matter for the Traffic Committee. Matter referred to GM for attention. GM to write to TFNSW.

2019/439 & 2021/33	NORTH BOURKE BRIDGE REHABILITATION CONCEPT PLAN
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	MARK GORDON – MANAGER ROAD SERVICES
FILE NO	B6.1
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<p>Council continue to apply for funding to undertake the project</p> <p>Council commit additional funds of \$269,922 from Councils Infrastructure Reserve Fund to ensure a total co-contribution from Council of \$969,922 (25%) to the Building Better Regions Fund Round 5, for North Bourke Bridge Renewal, if a funding application is successful.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ongoing. 2. Letter received from Minister Toole 11/11/2020 advising upcoming funding opportunities for bridge. 3. Funds as resolved reserved in Councils accounts. 4. Applications under Building Better Regions Fund lodged 11/02/2021.

2021/17	14.1 PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION OF LAND AS OPERATIONAL LAND
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	MARK RILEY, GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	L1.16
DECISION	
<p>1. That on the assumption that Council resolves to acquire the subject land, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, Council proceed to give 28 days' public notice of its proposed resolution to classify the following land to be acquired as Operational Land:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - land located east of Monomeeth St, Bourke described as Lot 2 DP 1057615; and - Two (2) lots in Mathews St, Louth described as Lot 6 and Lot 7 Section 17 DP 1275. <p>2. That following such public notice, a further report be submitted to Council on the proposed land classification.</p>	ACTION TAKEN
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monomeeth St land resolved as Operational by Council at April 2021 meeting. - Louth land not proceeding.

2021/20	14.3 *** PLANNING PANELS - COUNCIL NOMINATED MEMBERS
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	MARK RILEY, GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	E6.16
DECISION	
<p>Council proceed to nominate the following Council members to the Western Regional Planning Panel for the period ending 3 September 2021:</p> <p>Councillor Barry Hollman – Permanent Member Councillor Lachlan Ford – Permanent Member Councillor Robert Stutsel – Alternate Member</p>	ACTION TAKEN
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nominations have been submitted to the Western Regional Planning Panel for the period ending 3 September 2021 2. Awaiting confirmation from Planning Secretariat.

2021/23	14.6 *** WANAARING LEVEE BANK
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	MARK RILEY, GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	L3.7-V1.7
DECISION	
<p>Council seek advice from Public Works Advisory as to the most cost effective methodology that would result in unimpeded access for all traffic along Vicary Street, Wanaaring coupled with a proposal that would permit Wanaaring residents to shore up the levee should there be high level flooding in the Paroo River in the future, for a further report to Council.</p>	ACTION TAKEN
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Matter determined by Council at its April 2021 Meeting. 2. Section of levee to be removed in June 2021.

2021/49	22.1 *** DEED OF AGREEMENT - CAPRA PTY LTD - PROPOSED SALE OF SMALL STOCK ABATTOIR - FEBRUARY 2021 UPDATE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	MARK RILEY, GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	A1.1-D2.7-D2.17
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council make further contact with the Commonwealth in late May 2021 in respect of the funding agreement.	Contact made mid May 2021 with Marsdens Legal to progress contact with both Capra and then Commonwealth.

2021/50	22.2 *** PROPOSED LAND PURCHASE - EAST OF MONOMEETH STREET, BOURKE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN, MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES
FILE NO	A11.2.2
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council proceed to advise NSW Crown Lands that it accepts their offer for Council to acquire 17.22 hectares of land located east of Monomeeth Street, Bourke identified as Lot 2 DP 1057615, being Western Lands Lease Number 14377. 2. That payment for the allotment be made in full within 28 days of receipt of a tax invoice from NSW Crown Lands. 3. That funds for the purchase of this land be sourced from the Infrastructural Renewal Reserve for Regional/Local Roads. 4. That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NSW Crown Lands advised of Council's resolution. 2. Tax Invoice received and payment made. 3. Deed submitted to NSW Land Titles for registration of transfer to Council. 4. Awaiting new Deed.

2021/69	15.10*** DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN TIMELINE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN, MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES
FILE NO	A4.3-P4.2
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Council confirm the proposed timetable for finalisation of the Operation Plan 2021/2022 as follows:	
Monday, 22 March 2021	Consideration and Determination of Draft Operational Plan and approval to put on public exhibition including the calling for submissions.
Thursday, 1 April 2021	Disseminate required public notice calling for submissions on Draft Operational Plan.
Monday 3 May 2021	Closing date for receipt of submissions.
Monday 24 May 2021	Adoption of Operational Plan 2021/2022, after due consideration of any submissions received.
Operational Plan exhibited until 3 May 2021.	
Report to be submitted to May 2021 Council Meeting.	

2021/79	22.1 *** CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CHARLES STREET WATER TOWER
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Mark Riley, General Manager
FILE NO	W2.1
DECISION	
Council make urgent representations to the Minister for Water, the Hon. Melinda Pavey, MP seeking additional funding to allow Council to proceed with this most important project, for a further report to Council.	
ACTION TAKEN	
Report to be submitted to May 2021 Council Meeting following positive advice to funding request from Minister Pavey, MP.	

2021/Amendment	22.2 *** CONTRACT MANAGEMENT OF THE BOURKE WAR MEMORIAL OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL																				
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Service																				
FILE NO	T3.8																				
DECISION																					
<p>1. That as per the existing Management Contract between Council and Mr Mark Hollman in respect of the Bourke War Memorial Swimming Pool, Council and Mr Hollman proceed to exercise the available 12-month option period ending 30 June 2022 at the negotiated and agreed contract fee for the season as detailed in the report herewith.</p> <p>2. That entry fees at the Bourke War Memorial Swimming Pool for the 2021-2022 period be as follows and be included and exhibited as part of Councils 2021-2022 draft Operational Plan:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2">2021-2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Casual Users</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Admission</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$3.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 Years and Under</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Free</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Children (School use)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aged Pensioners</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Free</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Season Tickets</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Family (2 adults/2 children)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$180.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Additional Season Family member (Family of 4 and thereafter produce a Medicare Card for proof of family member)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$5.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Single Season Ticket (Inc Adults/Children)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$65.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>3. That the above contract fee and entry fee arrangement be conditional upon final adoption of Councils 2021-2022 Fees and Charges.</p> <p>4. That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council.</p>		2021-2022		Casual Users		General Admission	\$3.00	2 Years and Under	Free	Children (School use)	\$1.00	Aged Pensioners	Free	Season Tickets		Family (2 adults/2 children)	\$180.00	Additional Season Family member (Family of 4 and thereafter produce a Medicare Card for proof of family member)	\$5.00	Single Season Ticket (Inc Adults/Children)	\$65.00
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<p>1. Contractor advised of resolution</p> <p>2. Awaiting outcome of exhibition of Fees & Charges and adoption thereof for finalisation of documentation</p>																					

2021/93	19.1 DRAFT BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL ROADSIDE RESERVE POLICY AND PROCEDURES
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Mark Gordon, Manager Road Services
FILE NO	R7.1.10
DECISION	
ACTION TAKEN	
That the documentation be forwarded to LGNSW to finalise Councils acquittal of its grant funding.	Completed

2021/94	20.1 *** OUTBACK RUGBY LEAGUE CHALLENGE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Mark Riley, General Manager
FILE NO	C12.1-D5.2
DECISION	
ACTION TAKEN	
Council accede to the request of Bourke Public School for Council's in-kind support to assist in holding the Outback Rugby League Challenge, up to an amount of \$1,000.	Completed

2021/98	20.3 *** REQUEST FOR SUPPORT - CWA NSW FAR WESTERN GROUP PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENT
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Mark Riley, General Manager
FILE NO	C12.1-D5.2
DECISION	
ACTION TAKEN	
Council acceded to the request of CWA of NSW Far Western Group, in the amount of \$100.	Completed

Recommendation
That the information in the Business Arising Report as presented to Council on Monday, 24 May 2021 be noted.

11.2 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

File Number: C12.6
Author: Kai Howard-Oakman, Executive Assistant
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

Information is sent out monthly to advise when Council Meetings, meetings which Councillors are Delegates to and other meetings of which Council is a member of, or representatives of Council, are to be held.

Current Situation

Month	Date	Time	Meeting / Event	Location
2021				
May	24	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
June	14	Public Holiday	Queen’s Birthday	
	28	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
July	26	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
August	23	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber

Recommendation

That the information in the Calendar of Events Report as presented to Council on Monday, 24 May 2021 be noted.

11.3 INFORMATION TO COUNCILLORS

File Number: C12.1
Author: Kai Howard-Oakman, Executive Assistant
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

Each month a list of correspondence is sent out in the Business Paper to Councillors to ensure that they have not missed any information since the last Business Paper was produced.

Current Situation

Date	Information Sent	Author	Email
27/04/2021	Adoption of Tooralé National Park and Tooralé State Conservation Area Plan of Management	Andrew Growcock Manager Planning, Evaluation & Assessment NSW NPWS	✓
29/04/2021	"From the GM's Desk"	GM	
30/04/2021	WNSW PHN Primary Health News Update	WNSW Primary Health District	✓
04/05/2021	Roy's Round-Up 3 May 2021	Roy Butler MP	✓
04/05/2021	The Weekly Newsletter, 04 May 2021	LGNSW	✓
06/05/2021	NSW Health Media Release - Public Health Alert - New venues Wednesday 5 May 2021	Health NSW	✓
06/05/2021	Media Release - Female Change Rooms are Top Priority in \$100 million Fund Across Regional NSW	John Barilaro - Deputy Premier Sarah Mitchell - Minister for Education & Early Childhood Learning Bronnie Taylor - Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth & Women	✓
06/05/2021	COVID-19 Council Update - 6 May 2021	OLGNSW	✓
06/05/2021	NSW Health Media Release - COVID-19 Update - Thursday 6 May 2021	NSW Health	✓
06/05/2021	Inside Local Government	Inside Local Government	✓
06/05/2021	"From the GM's Desk"	GM	✓
13/05/2021	Inside Local Government	Inside Local Government	✓
13/05/2021	Health Inquiry Transcripts	NSW Legislative Council	✓
13/05/2021	"From the GM's Desk"	GM	
17/05/2021	OLG's fortnightly e-newsletter - 14 May 2021	OLG	✓
17/05/2021	21-06 2021/22 Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal	OLG	✓
17/05/2021	Inside Local Government	Inside Local Government	✓

17/05/2021	Media Release "Trap finally set for mouse plague relief"	NSW Farmers	✓
17/05/2021	Budget 21-22 - Latest from the PMC News Centre: Budget 2021, Digital Economy Strategy and National Resilience and Recovery Agency announced	Prime Minister & Cabinet	✓
17/05/2021	NSW Health Media Release - COVID-19 Update Thursday 13 May 2021	Health NSW	✓
17/05/2021	Byron Shire Council - Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor	Councillor Support Byron Shire Council	✓
17/05/2021	Indigenous Voice - Public consultation session will be held in Bourke on Thursday 20 May 2021	Sadie Butler, Business Support Officer - National Indigenous Australians Agency	✓
17/05/2021	NSW Farmers and CWA statement on the mouse plague Parliamentary briefing	NSW Farmers	✓
18/05/2021	"From the GM's Desk"	GM	✓
19/05/2021	NSW Health Media Release: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update Tuesday 18 May 2021	NSW Health	✓
20/05/2021	Local Government Update 20 May 2021	LG Professionals Australia	✓

Recommendation

That the contents of the Information to Councillors Report as presented to Council on Monday, 24 May 2021 be noted.

12 ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT**12.1 *** REQUEST FOR TREE REMOVAL**

File Number: T6.1, T6.2
Author: Peter Brown, Manager Works
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

Bourke Shire Council received a request from the residents at 82 Hope Street, Bourke regarding the possibility of the removal of one (1) Queensland fig tree on the median strip beside their house. The removal of a second fig tree is also proposed from the medium strip outside 9 Oxley Street. Council's General Manager and Manager of Works have inspected the trees.

Note: (Neither the General Manager or the Manager of Works are qualified arborists).

Current Situation

The resident of 82 Hope Street have requested the tree removal due to the constant problem with the amenities in their house and the destruction of the homes foundations. The tree also has a large crack around a large trunk that may cause injury or damage to property and then Council could then potentially become liable. (Photo attached).

The tree at 9 Oxley Street has sustained damage from vandals with the base of the tree having been burnt and, further the tree blocks the main street camera view of the Charles Street area.



82 Hope Street-Fig Tree - Damage can be seen to the trunk which is visible all the way around



82 Hope Street-Fig Tree



9 Oxley Street-Fig Tree - Vandal's damage to this tree is visible

Financial Implications

Estimated costs of \$8000 are expected to undertake the removal and will come from Council's Tree Removal Budget.

Recommendation

- 1. That as per Council's Street Tree Policy 3.6.11(V3) in respect of Queensland Fig Trees, Council proceed to advertise for 21 days regarding its intention to undertake the removal of two (2) Queensland Fig Trees with one (1) located at 82 Hope Street and another at 9 Oxley Street, Bourke.**
- 2. That following such advertising period of 21 days, Council proceed to remove such trees.**

12.2 * TRIMMING OF TREES**

File Number: T6.1
Author: Peter Brown, Manager Works
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

Council has been working with Essential Energy to reduce the need for the annual trimming of street trees under the town's power lines. Originally a Street Tree Replacement Plan was developed by Council. This plan helped identify the trees in Sturt Street that needed removal and then replaced so that into the future annual trimming would not be required and damage to Essential Energy's service lines would happen less.

Current Situation

Essential Energy has recently contacted Council's Manager Works regarding the trimming of three (3) unsuitable trees in the town limits that are causing issues to Essential Energy Infrastructure. Such trees are three (3) Cadagi trees outside of 28 Mitchell Street which are also growing through the power supply lines on Council's median strips.

These trees will have been trimmed by Essential Energy before the May Council meeting, as per Essential Energy's Tree Trimming Policy, which requires that 1.5m clearance from high voltage power lines is to be maintained.

Essential Energy has requested Council consider the removal of these trees to stop the need for continual trimming annually. Council has the opportunity to once again take advantage of the Essential Energy's Tree Removal Program to have the trees removed and new plants purchased at their cost.

Should Councillors wish to take the opportunity to view all of the trees prior to the Council Meeting, Council's Manager Works would be happy to accompany Councillors. Please contact Mr Brown accordingly to arrange such a visit.

Financial Implications

No Council funds will be required for the removal of these unsuitable Street Trees.



Recommendation

- 1. That Council concur with the removal of the three (3) unsuitable trees under the power lines at 28 Mitchell Street Bourke, and replace them with a more suitable tree as part of Council's Tree Replacement Program.**
- 2. That Council note that Essential Energy will remove the trees at no cost to Council and further provide Council with 3 x 1.5m bottle brush trees as part of the replacement program, free of charge.**

12.3 CHARLES STREET RESERVOIR FUNDING

File Number: G4.7.79-W2.2

Author: Peter Brown, Manager Works

Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager

Attachments: 1. Charles Street Reservoir - The Hon. Melinda Pavey. MP
Minister for Water, Property & Housing

Background

The last piece of the “Drought Proofing of Bourke” Project is the construction of a new water reservoir in Charles Street Bourke. The existing structure ruptured in 2018 and was repaired.

At that time a condition report was completed by Public Works Advisory (PWA) with the conclusion being that the water tower required urgent replacement.

Council subsequently engaged PWA to undertake the supervision and construction of a new Reservoir, including undertaking the design and tender process.

Current Situation

As a result of the tender process for the delivery of the Reservoir and for the project to proceed, Council needed to source additional funds totalling some \$520,000.00. It should be noted that Councils Water Fund simply does not have the financial capability to fund the shortfall.

As an aside, and as Councillors are aware, Council utilises NSW Public Works Advisory (PWA) to manage its water projects. Unfortunately come tender evaluation time, there have been instances where there have been shortfalls in funding based on the initial PWA project estimate. Such is the case with the reservoir project. The General Manager has raised concerns in respect of these variances with the Regional Director.

Given the funding variance initial discussions were undertaken with officers from the Local Water Utility Infrastructure Program (formerly Safe and Secure Water Program), Water Infrastructure NSW, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Council subsequently gave consider to the tenders received and the funding issue at its meeting held on 22 March 2021 and resolved:

1. That at this point Council defer any decision regarding the acceptance or otherwise of a tender for the construction of a new water reservoir at Charles Street, Bourke.
2. That Council make urgent representations to the Minister for Water, the Hon. Melinda Pavey, MP seeking additional funding to allow Council to proceed with this most important project, for a further report to Council.

Accordingly, correspondence was provided to the NSW Minister for Water, the Hon. Melinda Pavey, MP seeking further assistance to fund the replacement of a very quickly deteriorating reservoir asset. The Mayor also took the opportunity to raise the matter with the Minister at the recent Western Division Conference held in Broken Hill.

I am pleased to advise that correspondence has now been received from the Minister for Water, Property and Housing, the Hon. Melinda Pavey, MP advising that “the NSW Government will commit up to \$520,000 to allow Council to deliver the Charles Street Reservoir Project.” A copy of the Ministers letter is attached herewith. This is excellent news for the Bourke community.

Financial Implications

The provision of these funds by the NSW Government will allow the reservoir project to proceed, subject to the determination by Council of a contractor. In this regard a separate report is being provided to Council which addresses the reservoir tender and the finances relating thereto.

Recommendation

- 1. That the correspondence from the Hon. Melinda Pavey, MP regarding the provision of funding for the Charles Street Water Reservoir be noted.**
- 2. That a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Minister Pavey thanking her for the Governments funding commitment to this important water infrastructure project.**



The Hon. Melinda Pavey MP
Minister for Water, Property and Housing

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Councillor Barry Hollman
Mayor
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Dear Councillor Hollman

Thank you for your letter of 31 March concerning Charles Street Reservoir and the shortfall Council is facing to complete this critical project.

Thank you for recognising in your correspondence the NSW Government's commitment to water infrastructure in Bourke Shire. I'm proud of the positive water quality and water security outcomes this significant investment has led to in Bourke.

The NSW Government recognises the criticality of this water supply project. I understand the Government has already made a financial commitment to this important project. I also understand the reservoir condition is poor and failure of this infrastructure would lead to a significant water supply emergency in Bourke. Replacement of the reservoir is critical and, as described in your correspondence, tenders have returned higher than originally expected, and Council is facing a financial shortfall.

I recognise that completion of this project is critical for Bourke, so I'm pleased to advise that the NSW Government will commit up to up to \$520,000 to allow Council to deliver the Charles Street Reservoir project. This funding will be made available in a one off payment following Council's acceptance of tender, to meet Council's shortfall in funding.

To progress this matter or if you require additional information, please contact Mr David Swan, Program Manager Local Water Utility Infrastructure Programs, in the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, on 0419 947 024.

Yours sincerely

Melinda Pavey MP
Minister for Water, Property and Housing

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12.4 * FUNDING - FIXING LOCAL ROADS - ROUND 2**

File Number: G4.1
Author: Mark Gordon, Manager Roads
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

It was reported to Council at its meeting held on 27 July 2020 that Council had received funding of \$4.6m for the reconstruction and sealing of a large section of Coronga Peak Road under Round 1 of the Fixing Local Roads Program, as jointly funded by the State and Federal Governments.

During a visit to Bourke in August 2020, the Minister for Agriculture and Western New South Wales, the Hon Adam Marshall, MP, confirmed that the State Government would be funding a further five (5) rounds of the Fixing Local Roads Program. With this in mind, Council at its August 2020 meeting proceeded to adopt its road construction and resealing priorities for projects for submission to Government over the expected five (5) year period.

In respect of Fixing Local Road Projects for 2021/2022, Council adopted the following:

Road	Section	Comment	Estimated Cost
Coronga Peak Road	20km - 25 km	Sealing of the last 5 km of road to the Cobar boundary	\$1,250,000
Tooralé Road Nulty Section	4.094 km – 9.1 km, = 5.006 km:	Sealing of 5.006 km of S Bends near Nulty Station	\$1,250,000
Weelong Road	0.31 km - 2.54 km = 2.23 km:	Sealing of 2.23 km to connect to Billabong Bridge	\$625,000
Weir Road	1.34 km to 3.49 km = 2.15 km:	Sealing of 2.15 km of road to provide access for tourists and residents to the weir	\$537,500
River Road	0 km to 3.5 km = 3.5 km	Sealing of 3.5km of road to provide access for tourists and residents	\$875,000
Parkdale Road	0.75 km to 3.15 km = 2.4 km	Sealing of 2.4km of road to provide access for tourists and residents	\$600,000

The total estimated costs of these roads was \$5,137,000 with Council subsequently submitting an application for funding under Round 2 of the program at the required time.

Current Situation

Council has received advice from the Federal Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government and Member for Parkes, the Hon Mark Coulton MP and from the State Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, the Hon Paul Toole MP, that its application under Fixing Local Roads Round 2, has been successful in securing \$4,900,000. The roads identified for sealing being Coronga Peak Rd, Toorale Rd, Weelong Rd, Weir Rd, River Rd and Parkdale Rd, as per Councils adopted priority list.

This is a most pleasing outcome.

Financial Implications

Council identified that the estimated costs of sealing these roads was \$5,137,000. With funding of \$4,900,000 provided by Government, Council will look to fund the balance of \$237,000 from its Local Roads budget.

Recommendation

- 1. That the provision of \$4,900,000 to Council under Round 2 of the Fixing Local Roads program be noted.**
- 2. That letters of appreciation be forwarded to both the Federal Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government and Member for Parkes, the Hon Mark Coulton MP and from the State Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, the Hon Paul Toole MP in respect of the receipt of such funding.**
- 3. That Council fund \$237,000 from its Local Roads budget such that the subject works in the Program have a total budget of \$ 5,137,000.**

13 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

13.1 *** POTENTIAL HERITAGE ITEMS

File Number: H2.1
Author: Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: 1. Heritage Consultation Results

Background

Council, at its Ordinary Meeting held on Monday, 28 September 2020, resolved to contact owners of potential heritage items identified in the Bourke Shire Community Based Heritage Study to advise them of the proposed listing of their item on the Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012 and to afford each owner the opportunity to respond to the proposed listing as well as to meet with Council's Heritage Advisor to discuss the matter.

Current Situation

The owner of each of the potential heritage items identified in the Bourke Shire Community Based Heritage Study was sent a letter advising of the potential heritage listing. In addition to the letter a copy of the heritage inventory sheet for the item and a copy of 'Heritage Listing Explained – What it means for you' flyer produced by the NSW Heritage Council were also provided. Owners were also advised of the Heritage Advisor's visit on 2 November 2020.

The possible listing of potential heritage items was discussed at the meeting of Council's Heritage Advisory Committee on the 7 September 2020. The Committee recommended that the following additional items be added to the list of potential heritage items:

- Barrington Gaol (semi-ruin), Mitchell Highway, Barrington
- Old Public School hall (TAFE hall), 48 Oxley Street, Bourke

A number of potential items were also identified as part of the Bourke Main Street Study completed in 2002. These potential items are:

- Police station offices, Former Westpac/Bank of NSW, 44 Oxley Street
- NAB building, Formerly CBC Bank, 49 Oxley Street
- Betta shop including the Stihl shop, 33-37 Oxley Street
- Clothing store (SETCH Clothing), 19-23 Oxley Street
- Diggers Function Centre (Former Bourke Memorial Hall) and restaurant, 23-25 Sturt Street
- Shop building, 25-27 Oxley Street

To date Council has received the following in relation to the potential listings:

Number of Owners who responded positively	8
Number of Owners who responded negatively	4
Number of Owners who didn't respond	37
Number of owners who met with Council's Heritage Advisor to discuss the listing	4
Council/Crown Items	11

Two (2) owners met with Council's Heritage Advisor but did not provide follow up comments in relation to the listings.

Some owners have concerns over the proposed listings affecting the sale of their properties, some items are no longer standing or are beyond repair and the owners do not want these items listed:

- 68 Mitchell Street, Bourke (a cottage)
- 11 Curraweena Street, Byrock (the former public school)
- 33-37 Oxley Street, Bourke
- Brindingabba Woolshed, Hungerford

Attached is the list of potential heritage items and responses received.

The potential heritage items, which contribute to the heritage values of Bourke Shire, have been identified after careful study. It is recommended that the identified potential heritage items, with the exception of the four (4) properties to which the owners have objected to listing, be the subject of an amendment to the heritage schedule of Bourke Local Environmental Plan. Such an amendment would be part of a formal planning proposal process which would include additional consultation with the owners of all the affected properties. It is anticipated that the process would be undertaken over the next 1 – 2 years.

Financial Implications

Nil

Recommendation

- 1 That all the properties identified as potential heritage items, with the exception of**
 - **68 Mitchell Street, Bourke,**
 - **33-37 Oxley Street, Bourke,**
 - **11 Curraweena Street, Byrock, and**
 - **Brindingabba Woolshed, Hungerford,****be potential heritage items for listing in the heritage schedule of Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012.**
- 2 That an amendment to the Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012 be prepared to enable the heritage listing of the potential heritage items.**
- 3 That the owners of 68 Mitchell Street, Bourke, 33-37 Oxley Street Bourke, Brindingabba Woolshed, Hungerford and 11 Curraweena Street, Byrock, be advised that their properties are no longer considered potential heritage items for listing in Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012.**

ATTACHMENT: Consultation Results

Item	Address:		Response Received
Barringun Jail (semi ruin)	?4&5/5/1361	Barringun	No comments received
Anglican Church	31 Mitchell Street	Bourke	No comments received
Betta Home Living Including Stihl shop	33-37 Oxley Street	Bourke	Against listing
Blacksmith Shed & House	65 Oxley Street	Bourke	No comments received
Cottage	56 Hope Street	Bourke	No comments received
Cottage	59 Mitchell Street	Bourke	Meeting with Advisor as owner undecided. No follow up comments received from the owner.
Cottage	68 Mitchell Street	Bourke	Against listing
Crossing Keepers House	2b Richard Street	Bourke	No comments received
Diggers Function Centre (Former Bourke Memorial Hall) and Restaurant	23-25 Sturt Street	Bourke	No comments received
Cottage	11 Sturt Street	Bourke	No comments received
Cottage	13 Sturt Street Bourke	Bourke	No comments received
Cottage	15 Sturt Street	Bourke	No comments received
Cottage	17 Sturt Street	Bourke	No comments received
Gumbalie Homestead	5036 Bourke- Milparinka Road	Bourke	No comments received
Hospital (original section)	26 Tarcoon Street	Bourke	No comments received
J.T. Waters House	3 Mitchell Lane	Bourke	No comments received
Jandra Homestead & Outbuildings	1402 Bourke – Wilcannia Rd	Bourke	No comments received
NAB Building, Formerly CBC Bank	49 Oxley Street	Bourke	No comments received
Old Public School Hall (TAFE Hall)	48 Oxley Street	Bourke	No comments received
P.S. Wave remnants	Maritime Park	Bourke	Council/Crown
Police Station Offices, Former Westpac Bank	44 Oxley Street	Bourke	No comments received
Port of Bourke Hotel (old former 'Royal' Hotel)	30 Mitchell Street	Bourke	Meeting with Advisor as owner undecided. No follow up comments received from the owner
Rotunda: Central Park	57a Oxley Street	Bourke	Council/Crown

Item	Address:		Response Received
Setch Clothing shop	19-23 Oxley Street	Bourke	No comments received
Shop Building	25-27 Oxley Street	Bourke	No comments received
Survey Beacon	Mitchell Hwy	Bourke	No comments received
Tancred Abattoirs	Mitchell Highway	Bourke	No comments received
The Afghan Mosque	Bourke Cemetery	Bourke	Council/Crown
Two Water Holes Cricket Ground PWP 89	Kidman Way	Bourke	No comments received
Walkden's Bore PWP 237	Hungerford Rd	Bourke	Item Destroyed. No longer a potential heritage item.
War Memorial	57a Oxley Street	Bourke	Council
Western Herald Building	36 Mertin Street	Bourke	No comments received
Wool Dump	64-70 Anson Street	Bourke	Supportive of listing
Yulcarley –Give & Take Fence	4441 Wampira Rd	Fords Bridge	No comments received
Byrock Cemetery	Coronga Peak Rd	Byrock	Council/Crown
Curraweena Homestead, Garden Cistern (ruins)	Kidman Way	Bourke	Supportive of listing
Curraweena Woolshed	Kidman Way	Bourke	Supportive of listing
KeNoworth– Pise Ruins of original homestead and assoc. garden.	6856 Mitchell Hwy	Byrock	No comments received
Mullagullah Pise ruins of original homestead & assoc outbuildings.	4560 Mitchell Hwy	Byrock	No comments received
Public School Building	11 Curraweena St	Byrock	Against listing
Turntable	Railway	Byrock	Supportive of listing
Water Tower/Tank	Railway Station	Byrock	Supportive of listing
Wool Dump	Byrock	Byrock	Supportive of listing
Cemetery – Enngonia	Brewarrina Rd	Enngonia	Council/Crown
Former Post Office	McCabe Street	Enngonia	Supportive of listing
Lila Springs Homestead & Woolshed	Twin Rivers Rd	Bourke	No comments received
Racecourse	Brewarrina Rd	Enngonia	Council/Crown
Fords Bridge Racecourse	Dowling Track	Fords Bridge	Council/Crown
Kelly's Camp Bore PWP No:232	Hungerford Rd	Bourke	Council/Crown
Warrego Hotel	16 Aubrey Street	Fords Bridge	No comments received
Fort Bourke –replica stockade	Mitchell Highway	Bourke	No comments received

Item	Address:		Response Received
Cemetery	9376 Bourke-Wilcannia Rd	Louth	No comments received
Church: Presbyterian	35 Hughes St	Louth	No comments received
Dunlop Stn Homestead & Outbuildings, Stone Store Building & Shearing Complex	10045 Toorale Rd	Louth	No comments received
Former Post Office	34 Bloxham Street	Louth	No comments received
Toorale Shearing Shed & Shearers Quarters	Toorale	Bourke	No comments received
Toorale Signpost	Toorale	Bourke	Council/Crown
North Bourke Cemetery	1-9 Macquarie St	North Bourke	Council/Crown
Wanaaring Cemetery	71 Gloucester St	Wanaaring	Council/Crown
Wanaaring Public School- original building	Good Street	Wanaaring	No comments received
Brindingabba Homestead & Woolshed	Hungerford Rd	Hungerford	Supportive of listing of the homestead Against listing of the woolshed

13.1.1 * SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT - POTENTIAL HERITAGE ITEMS**

File Number: H2.1
Author: Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

Item 13.1 of the Agenda for Councils Ordinary Meeting of 24 May 2021 contains a report from myself in regard to potential heritage items for listing in the heritage schedule of Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012.

The report identifies that in undertaking consultation with property owners in respect of potential heritage items that “Two (2) owners met with Council’s Heritage Advisor but did not provide follow up comments in relation to the listings”.

Specifically, in respect of 59 Mitchell St Bourke, the “Response Received” Column in the report presented to Council provides, “Meeting with Advisor as owner undecided. No follow up comments received from the owner”.

Current Situation

The owner of 59 Mitchell Street, Bourke has emailed Council in respect of the report to be considered by Council as follows:

“My wife owns the property at 59 Mitchell Street, Bourke.
I attended and had a personal discussion with Caroline Crain and the Heritage Advisor.
Having regards to the comments in the Business Paper, I would have thought that my response would have been/should have been recorded as negative.

The basis of our conversation was as I recall

- part of the building has collapsed because it was a “jerry built” addition constructed of second hand materials and not termite resistant.
- the remaining portion of the building is still reasonably substantial
- the owner is ambivalent between demolition and restoration,
- the building is uneconomic to restore, in the vicinity of \$200,000 to \$300,000 even with some owner labour.
- in the event of Bourke becoming a boom town, the economic balance may tilt towards restoration.

In light of the misinterpretation of the owner’s wishes/intent perhaps the list could be amended now, or be deleted at some time in the future.

Given the receipt of such advice now providing clear direction, and on the same basis of recommending that the four properties not be heritage listed as identified by the (4) respondents , it would be proposed that 59 Mitchell St be added to the list of heritage property exceptions.

Accordingly, I would recommend as follows:

Recommendation

- 1. That the report of the Manager Environmental Services titled Supplementary Report - Potential Heritage Items, be noted.**
- 2. That all the properties identified as potential heritage items, with the exception of**
 - 68 Mitchell Street, Bourke,**
 - 33-37 Oxley Street, Bourke,**
 - 11 Curraweena Street, Byrock,**
 - Brindingabba Woolshed, Hungerford, and**
 - 59 Mitchell St, Bourke, be potential heritage items for listing in the heritage schedule of Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012.**
- 3. That an amendment to the Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012 be prepared to enable the heritage listing of the potential heritage items.**
- 4. That the owners of 68 Mitchell Street, Bourke, 33-37 Oxley Street Bourke, Brindingabba Woolshed, Hungerford, 11 Curraweena Street, Byrock, and 59 Mitchell St, Bourke be advised that their properties are no longer considered potential heritage items for listing in Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012.**

13.2 * RECLASSIFICATION OF LAND - 17-29 DARLING STREET BOURKE SECTION 3.36 REPORT**

File Number:	T5.3.1
Author:	Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services
Authoriser:	Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments:	1. Attachment 1 - Planning Proposal PP2021-12 2. Attachment 2 - Gateway Determination 3. Attachment 3 - Confirmation to Proceed 4. Attachment 4 - OLG Response 5. Attachment 5 - Public Hearing Report

Background

Council resolved at its ordinary meeting on 25 May 2020 to *proceed to take the necessary action to prepare a local environmental plan that seeks to reclassify community land located at 17-19 Darling Street, Bourke as operational land.*

The land is owned by Bourke Shire Council and is classified as Community Land under the Local Government Act 1993. It is Council's intention to transfer the ownership of the allotments to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group once the land has been reclassified to Operational land for the continued use of the land as an aged care facility.

The planning proposal (attachment 1) was placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 4 March 2021 to 6 April 2021. A Public Hearing was required as a condition of the Gateway Determination from NSW Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and this was held on 3 May 2021.

This report provides Council with the findings of the public consultation process and seeks a resolution from Council to move forward with the planning process in relation requesting finalisation of the amendments to Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012 (Amendment No. 3).

Current Situation

A Gateway determination was issued by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on 4 February 2021 to proceed, subject to conditions, allowing six (6) months to complete the amendment (Attachment 2).

The planning proposal was updated in accordance with condition 1 of the gateway determination. Council currently has 1,170,608.5 m² of open public space. Council undertook an analysis of the impact of the removal of the lots from Council's community land stock within the township of Bourke which showed there would be no impact on available open spaces for community use. The lots are currently not used by the community and do not contribute any features that would consider them open space, e.g. connecting footpaths, landscape gardens. Confirmation to proceed was received by the Department on 12 February 2021 (Attachment 3).

The Planning Proposal was publicly exhibited in accordance with the requirements under 3.34(2)(c) and schedule 1 clause 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act), Council's Community Participation Plan and the Gateway Determination issued by the NSW DPIE, on 4 March 2021.

Council did not receive any written submissions in relation to the Planning Proposal.

In accordance with the Gateway determination, consultation with the Office of Local Government (OLG) was undertaken in accordance with section 3.34(2)(d). Council were advised by OLG to ensure clear instructions on how submissions may be given in relation to the proposal. Such instructions were included on Council's website. The response provided by Office of Local Government is included in attachment 4. This was rectified by staff the same day.

A public hearing was held in relation to the Planning Proposal on 3 May 2021. The public hearing was held in accordance with the requirements of section 29 of the Local Government Act 1993, including 21 days public notice being given prior to the hearing. A report into the public hearing is included in Attachment 5 for the information of Council. Council should note that the public hearing was not attended by any members of the public.

A copy of the public hearing report was made available for inspection by the public at Council's Office (29 Mitchell Street Bourke) and the local Library (Mitchell Street Bourke), no later than four (4) days after Council received it. A notice was also placed on Council's Facebook page and the report available for download off Council's website.

All conditions of the Gateway determination have been complied with.

Conclusion

The Planning Proposal relating to the reclassification of Land at 17-29 Darling Street Bourke was placed on public exhibition from 4 March 2021 to 6 April 2021. A public hearing was also held in relation to this matter on 3 May 2021.

Council did not receive any written submissions in relation to the Planning Proposal, and there were no attendees at the public hearing. There are no changes to the Planning Proposal required as a result of the consultation process. All conditions of the Gateway Determination have been complied with.

The next step is for Council's planning staff to progress the drafting and amendment of the provisions for Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012. This work is completed with assistance from the Western Regional Office of the DPIE as Council does not have plan-making delegation for the subject planning proposal. This report seeks an appropriate resolution from the Council to proceed in this direction.

Financial Implications

The cost of finalising the LEP amendment will be met by existing budgetary allocations.

Recommendation

- 1. That Council notes the findings of report in relation to PP-2021-12 (being Bourke Local Environmental Plan Amendment no. 3)**
- 2. That Council makes a request to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for finalisation of the necessary amendments to Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2021.**

Planning Proposal

To reclassify four (4) allotments at 17-29 Darling Street Bourke from Community to Operation land and discharge Councils interests to transfer ownership of the land to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group for continued use as an Aged Care Facility.

Amendment to Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012

Proposal

The planning proposal involves the reclassification of four (4) lots owned by Bourke Shire Council from Community to Operational land, to facilitate the transfer of ownership of the land to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group for the continued use as an Aged Care Facility. The land will retain the existing R1 General Residential zone and minimum lot size (800m²) provisions which currently apply under the Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012.

The land is owned by Bourke Shire Council and is classified as Community land under the Local Government Act 1993. It is Council's intention to transfer ownership of the allotments to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group to continue the use as an Aged Care Facility. Council has no interests to discharge.

The area consists of developed and vacant land. The current use is for the Rivergum Lodge aged care facility.

Site location and context

The subject land is described as Lot 1 DP 1145233, Lot 2 Section 11 DP 758144, Lot 3 Section 11 DP 758114 and Lot 2 DP 227656, 17-29 Darling Street Bourke. The total area of the land is approximately 5,915m². Refer to Locality Maps below.

The Certificate of Title of each parcel is provided as **Attachment A**. Details of each parcel are provided in **Attachment B**.

The site is located to the north of the town centre of Bourke. Surrounding land is zoned R1 General Residential.

Locality Map – subject land (not to scale)



Source: SIX Maps

Cadastral Information



Source: SIX Maps

Aerial Photo



Source: SIX Maps

Current Zoning



Source: NSW Planning Portal

All lots are owned by Council and are currently used as an existing aged care facility and vacant land, as shown on the imagery above. The planning proposal seeks to reclassify the land from Community to Operational land, to allow the transfer of the land.

Objectives and intended outcomes

The objective of this planning proposal is to reclassify the subject land from Community to Operational Land. Council has no interests to discharge. Council is not proposing to change the zoning or minimum lot size provisions of subject lots.

Explanation of provisions

The reclassification of the lots from Community to Operational land will enable the ownership of lots to be transferred by Council.

The proposed provisions in the planning proposal will achieve the intended outcomes by listing the subject land in Schedule 4 Classification and reclassification of public land Part 1 Land classified, or reclassified, as operational land – no interests changed of Bourke LEP 2012.

No mapping changes are required.

Justification

Need for the planning proposal

Is the planning proposal a result of any strategic study or report?

The planning proposal has been prepared having regard to the Department's *Practice Note PN 16-001- Classification and reclassification of public land through a LEP*. The planning proposal is not the result of any strategic study or report.

The proposal is a result of The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group approaching Council to transfer 17-29 Darling Street Bourke 'Rivergum Lodge' that it currently operates as an existing aged care facility. To be able to transfer the land a reclassification is required.

Due to the land historically not been viewed as being owned by Council, but rather owned by the Bourke Care of the Aged Committee, the land was not listed on Council's Land Register as either operational or community land. Council, however are listed as the owner of the allotments in the First Schedule of each of the respective Certificates of Title, and as such require the land to be reclassified at operational to allow the transfer of ownership to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group.

Is the planning proposal the best means of achieving the objectives or intended outcomes, or is there a better way?

Council's intention is to reclassify the subject land from Community to Operational, with the objective to transfer the land to the Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group. The planning proposal process is the best mechanism to allow Council to transfer the land. The objective of the proposal to transfer the land can only be achieved through an amendment to the Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012 via a planning proposal and approval of the Governor.

Relationship to strategic planning framework

Far West Regional Plan 2036

The proposal is consistent with the Far West Regional Plan. Direction 23 *Improve Access to local health services, aged care and seniors housing* is directly applicable to the proposal. The proposal is directly consistent with Action 23.7 as the proposal will result in the continued use of the aged care facility. The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group are proposing to expend funds and undertake capital works at the facility in the near future.

The proposal is generally consistent with the Regional Plan as it will continue to provide essential aged care services to the town of Bourke and the Far West Region. The subject land can be better utilised by disposal by Council to facilitate the further development of the aged care facility.

There is no current strategic land use plan applicable to the reclassification of land.

Consistency with relevant SEPPs

Refer to **Attachment C**.

Consistency with Section 9.1 Directions

Refer to **Attachment C**.

Local Land use Strategy

The Department endorsed Bourke Shire Strategy dated November 2012 applies to the land. The proposal is consistent with this strategy.

The site is not identified in the strategy for an aged care home, however its ongoing use will continue.

Section 8.5 of the Bourke Shire Strategy deals with Social and Economic Factors and provides an objective at section 8.5.3 to ensure that residents have adequate access to and equity for the provision of services and facilities. These objectives would be met by the continued provision of aged care services and facilities to the residents of the shire.

Environmental Social and economic impact

Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?

No. The planning proposal is not likely to adversely impact on critical habitats or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats. Part of the land is developed with an existing aged care facility. The two (2) vacant allotments to the west are cleared and vacant. The proposal will result in the reclassification of the land from community to operational land, and be

transferred by Council. It will not permit development in any areas with critical habitats or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?

No. There are no likely negative environmental effects associated with the planning proposal. The proposed amendments are administrative in nature and unlikely to result in any environmental effects.

The subject land is not identified as flood prone under the provisions of the Bourke LEP 2012.

Has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic impacts?

The social cost of this development is that the reclassification will limit the availability of Council owned lands, public reserves and open space that will be utilised by the broader community. The land currently houses an existing aged care facility, with the adjacent vacant land to the west being restricted, via a positive covenant imposing a requirement that the land is used only for the provision of aged care facilities/services. Any proposed future aged care facilities/services would provide aged care and employment opportunities during construction and ongoing operations, ultimately being a positive social impact for the Bourke community.

Mapping

No mapping changes are required for this proposal. The current zoning and minimum lot size will be retained.

Community Consultation

As the proposal is a reclassification, a period of 28 days exhibition is proposed, in line with Council's Community Participation Plan. A public hearing will also be required as the land is proposed to be reclassified.

Agency Consultation

Agency consultation will be undertaken with the Office of Local Government.

Project timeline

The proposal is expected to be finalised within 12 months of receiving a Gateway determination.

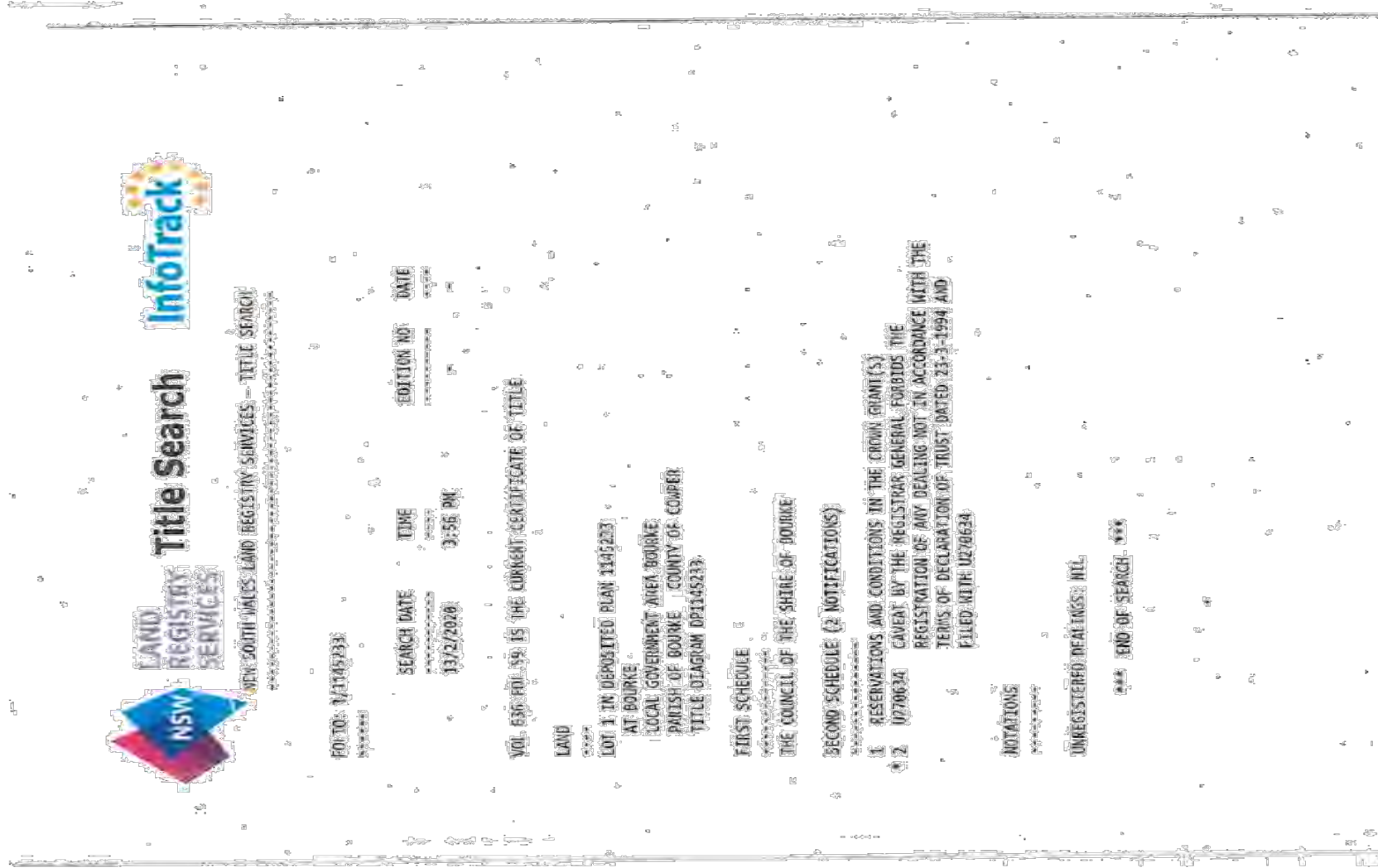
A draft timeline is provided below:

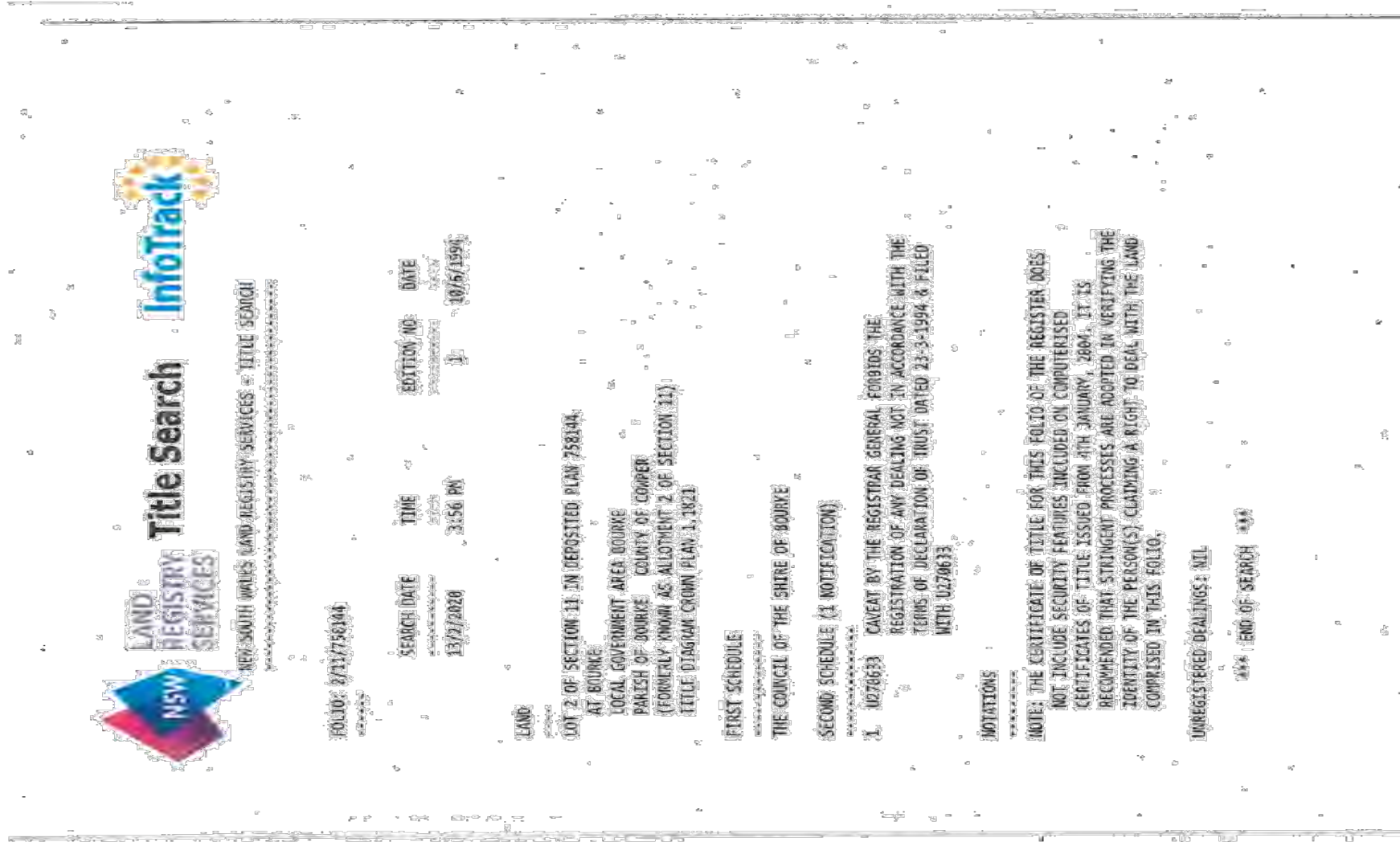
Action	Anticipated date
Lodge Gateway determination request with the Department	December 2020
Gateway determination received	January 2021
Completion of technical information	February 2021
Public exhibition	February 2021
Consideration of submissions	March 2021
Public Hearing	April 2021
Council meeting	May 2021
Submission for finalisation	May 2021
Finalisation of proposal	June 2021

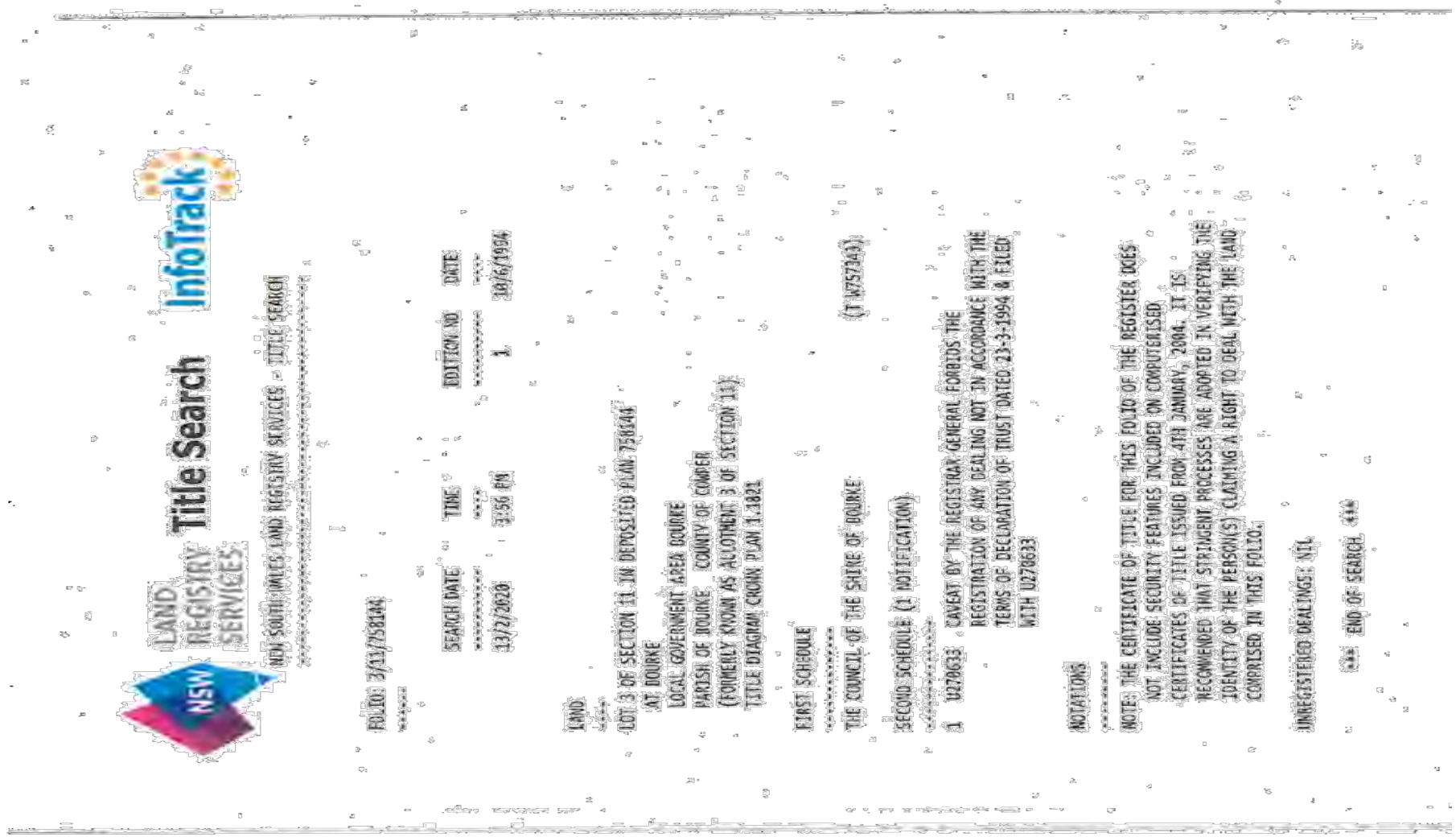
Attachments

- A – Certificates of Title for each parcel
- B – Details of each parcel
- C – SEPP and Section 9.1 Direction checklists.

A – Certificates of Title for each parcel









NEW SOUTH WALES LAND REGISTRY SERVICES - TITLE SEARCH

FOLIO: 2/227656

SEARCH DATE	TIME	EDITION NO.	DATE
13/2/2020	3:56 PM	1	10/9/1994

LAND
 LOT 2 IN DEPOSITED PLAN 227659
 AT BOURKE
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOURKE
 PARISH OF BOURKE COUNTY OF COMPEK
 TITLE DIAGRAM ID: 227656

FIRST SCHEDULE

THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF BOURKE

SECOND SCHEDULE (A NOTIFICATION)

1. 0278633 CAVENT BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL FORBIDS THE REGISTRATION OF ANY DEALING NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED 23-3-1994 & FILED WITH 0278633

NOTATIONS

NOTES: THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR THIS FOLIO OF THE REGISTER DOES NOT INCLUDE SECURITY FEATURES INCLUDED ON COMPUTERISED CERTIFICATES OF TITLE ISSUED FROM 4TH JANUARY, 2004. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT STRINGENT PROCESSES ARE ADOPTED IN VERIFYING THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON(S) CLAIMING A RIGHT TO DEAL WITH THE LAND COMPRISED IN THIS FOLIO.

UNREGISTERED DEALINGS: NIL

*** END OF SEARCH ***

B – Details of each parcel

Lot 1 DP 1145233	
Property Owner	Bourke Shire Council
Current classification	Community Land
Proposed classification	Operational Land
Title	Freehold
Public reserve	No
Zoning	R1 General Residential
Minimum Lot Size	800m ²
Area	1131m ²
Planning/Environmental constraints	Nil
Background information and how acquired	VOL 636 FOL 59
Certificate of title provisions, restrictions on the land	Caveat by the Registrar General forbids the registration of any dealing not in accordance with the terms of declaration of Trust dated 23/03/1994 and filed with U270633
Council interests	No
Is it proposed to discharge the land?	No
Current uses (authorised and unauthorised)	Vacant and undeveloped public open space
Strategic and Site Specific Merit issues	Not utilised as public open space

Lot 2 Section 11 DP 758144	
Property Owner	Bourke Shire Council
Current classification	Community Land
Proposed classification	Operational Land
Title	Freehold
Public reserve	No
Zoning	R1 General Residential
Minimum Lot Size	800m ²
Area	2057m ²
Planning/Environmental constraints	Nil
Background information and how acquired	VOL FOL 2/11/758144
Certificate of title provisions, restrictions on the land	Caveat by the Registrar General forbids the registration of any dealing not in accordance with the terms of declaration of Trust dated 23/03/1994 and filed with U270633
Council interests	No
Is it proposed to discharge the land?	No
Current uses (authorised and unauthorised)	Vacant and undeveloped public open space
Strategic and Site Specific Merit issues	Not utilised as public open space

Lot 3 Section 11 DP 758144	
Property Owner	Bourke Shire Council
Current classification	Community Land
Proposed classification	Operational Land
Title	Freehold
Public reserve	No
Zoning	R1 General Residential
Minimum Lot Size	800m ²
Area	2057m ²
Planning/Environmental constraints	Nil
Background information and how acquired	VOL FOL 3/11/758144
Certificate of title provisions, restrictions on the land	Caveat by the Registrar General forbids the registration of any dealing not in accordance with the terms of declaration of Trust dated 23/03/1994 and filed with U270633
Council interests	No
Is it proposed to discharge the land?	No
Current uses (authorised and unauthorised)	Aged Care Facility
Strategic and Site Specific Merit issues	Not utilised as public open space

Lot 2 DP 227656	
Property Owner	Bourke Shire Council
Current classification	Community Land
Proposed classification	Operational Land
Title	Freehold
Public reserve	No
Zoning	R1 General Residential
Minimum Lot Size	800m ²
Area	670.3m ²
Planning/Environmental constraints	NIL
Background information and how acquired	VOL FOL 2/227656
Certificate of title provisions, restrictions on the land	Caveat by the Registrar General forbids the registration of any dealing not in accordance with the terms of declaration of Trust dated 23/03/1994 and filed with U270633
Council interests	No
Is it proposed to discharge the land?	No
Current uses (authorised and unauthorised)	Aged Care Facility
Strategic and Site Specific Merit issues	Not utilised as public open space

C – SEPP and Section 9.1 Direction checklists

Section 9.1 Direction	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comments/Justification
1. Employment and Resources			
1.1 Business & Industrial Zones	N	N	
1.2 Rural Zones	N	N	
1.3 Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries	N	N	
1.4 Oyster Aquaculture	N	N	
1.5 Rural Lands	N	N	
2. Environment and Heritage			
2.1 Environmental Protection Zones	N	N	
2.2 Coastal Protection	N	N	
2.3 Heritage Conservation	N	N	
2.4 Recreational Vehicle Area	N	N	
2.5 Application of E2 and E3 Zones and Environmental Overlays in Far North Coast LEP's	N	N	

2.6 Remediation of Contaminated Land	N	N	
3. Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development			
3.1 Residential Zone	Y	Y	This Direction applies to the subject lots currently zones for residential use (zone R1 General Residential). The proposal is to reclassify the land will not increase the development potential of the subject lots as they were all created for development purposes
3.2 Caravan Parks and Manufactured Home estates	N	N	
3.3 Home Occupations	N	N	
3.4 Integrating Land Use and Transport	N	N	
3.5 Development Near Regulated Airports and Defence Airfields	N	N	
3.6 Shooting Ranges	N	N	
3.7 Reduction in non-hosted short term rental accommodation periods	N	N	
4. Hazard and Risk			
4.1 Acid Sulfate Soils	N	N	
4.2 Mine Subsidence and Unstable Land	N	N	

4.3 Flood Prone Land	N	N	
4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection	N	N	
5. Regional Planning			
5.1 Implementation of Regional Strategies	N	N	
5.2 Sydney Drinking Water Catchments	N	N	
5.3 Farmland of State and Regional Significance on the NSW Far North Coast	N	N	
5.4 Commercial and Retail Development along the Pacific Highway, North Coast	N	N	
5.5 Development in the vicinity of Ellalong, Paxton, and Millfield (Cessnock LGA) (Revoked 18 June 2010)	N	N	
5.6 Sydney to Canberra Corridor (Revoked 10 July 2008. See amended Direction 5.1)	N	N	
5.7 Central Coast (Revoked 10 July 2008. See amended Direction 5.1)	N	N	

5.8 Second Sydney Airport: Badgerys Creek (Revoked 20 August 2018)	N	N	
5.9 North West Rail Link Corridor Strategy	N	N	
5.10 Implementation of Regional Plans	Y	Y	This Direction applies to the planning proposal as it relates to directions of the Far West Regional Plan. As previously described, the planning proposal is consistent with the directions of the Regional Plan. Therefore, the proposal is consistent with this Direction.
5.11 Development of Aboriginal Land Council Land	N	N	
6. Local Plan Making			
6.1 Approval and Referral Requirements	N	N	
6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes	N	N	
6.3 Site Specific Provisions	N	N	
7. Metropolitan Planning			
7.1 Implementation of A Plan for Growing Sydney	N	N	
7.2 Implementation of Greater Macarthur Land Release Investigation	N	N	

7.3 Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy	N	N	
7.4 Implementation of North West Priority Growth Area Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan	N	N	
7.5 Implementation of Greater Parramatta Priority Growth Area Interim Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan	N	N	
7.6 Implementation of Wilton Priority Growth Area Interim Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan	N	N	
7.7 Implementation of Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Corridor	N	N	
7.8 Implementation of Western Sydney Aerotropolis Interim Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan	N	N	
7.9 Implementation of Bayside West Precincts 2036 Plan	N	N	

7.10 Implementation of Planning Principles for the Cooks Cove Precinct	N	N	
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State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comments/Justification
State Environmental Planning Policy No.19 – Bushland in Urban Areas	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy No.21 – Caravan Parks	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy No.33 – Hazardous and Offensive Development	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy No.36 – Manufactured Home Estates	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy No.47 – Moore Park Showground	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy No.50 – Canal Estate Development	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy No.55 – Remediation of Land	N	N	

State Environmental Planning Policy No.64 - Advertising Signage	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy No.65 - Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy No.70 - Affordable Housing (Revised Schemes)	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Aboriginal Land) 2019	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Activation Precincts) 2020	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Concurrences and Consents) 2018	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities) 2017	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Gosford City Centre) 2018	N	N	

State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Koala Habitat Protection) 2019	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Kosciuszko National Park – Alpine Resorts) 2007	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Kurnell Peninsula) 1989	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Infrastructure Corridors) 2020	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Penrith Lakes Scheme) 1989	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Primary Production and Rural Development) 2019	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (State Significant Precincts) 2005	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Sydney Drinking Water Catchment) 2011	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Sydney Regional Growth Centres) 2006	N	N	

State Environmental Planning Policy (Three Ports) 2013	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Urban Renewal) 2010	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Aerotropolis) 2020	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Employment Area) 2009	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Parklands) 2009	N	N	



Gateway Determination

Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP-2021-12): to reclassify four (4) lots in Bourke from 'community' to 'operational' land – No. 17-29 Darling Street Bourke.

I, the Acting Director, Western Region at the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, as delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, have determined under section 3.34(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) that an amendment to the Bourke Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2011 to reclassify four (4) lots from 'community' to 'operational' land being Lot 1 DP 1145233, Lot 2 Section 11 DP 758144, Lot 3 Section 11 DP 758114 and Lot 2 DP 227656, No 17-29 Darling Street Bourke should proceed subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to community consultation, an analysis of the impact of the removal of Lot 2 Sec 11 DP 758144 (2057m²) and Lot 1 DP 1145233 (1131m²) from Council's community land stock within Bourke township. This analysis is to be provided to the Department for approval prior to community consultation.
2. Community consultation is required under section 3.34(2)(c) and schedule 1 clause 4 of the Act as follows:
 - (a) the planning proposal must be made publicly available for a minimum of **28 days**; and
 - (b) the planning proposal authority must comply with the notice requirements for public exhibition of planning proposals and the specifications for material that must be made publicly available along with planning proposals as identified in section 6.5.2 of *A guide to preparing local environmental plans* (Department of Planning and Environment, 2018).
3. Consultation is required with the Office of Local Government (OLG) under section 3.34(2)(d) of the Act. The OLG is to be provided with a copy of the planning proposal and any relevant supporting material and given at least 21 days to comment on the proposal.
4. Bourke Shire Council is to conduct a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of section 29 of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the proposal involves the reclassification of public land from 'community' land to 'operational' land. Further information regarding the reclassification and public hearing process this can be found in Practice Note 16-001- Classification and reclassification of public land through a local environmental plan.
5. The time frame for completing the LEP is to be **6 months** following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated 4 day of February 2021.

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**Haydon Murdoch
Acting Director, Western Region
Local and Regional Planning
Department of Planning, Industry and
Environment**

**Delegate of the Minister for Planning
and Public Spaces**

PP-2021-12 (IRF21/53)



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Attention: Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services

Dear Mr Riley,

Planning proposal [PP-2021-12] to amend Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2011 – Reclassification of four (4) lots in Bourke from ‘community’ to ‘operational’ land - 17-29 Darling Street, Bourke.

I refer you to your letter dated 5 February 2021 providing analysis of the impact of the removal of Lot 2 Sec 11 DP 758144 (2057m²) and Lot 1 DP 1145233 (1131m²) from Council’s community land stock within Bourke.

The Department has reviewed the analysis provided and agrees that condition 1 of the Gateway determination issued on 4 February 2021 has been satisfied.

The analysis provided in your letter dated 5 February 2021 should be placed on public exhibition with the planning proposal as part of community consultation under section 3.34(2)(c) and schedule 1 clause 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, I have arranged for Rebecca Martin of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Western Region Office, to assist you. Ms Martin can be contacted on 02 5852 6800.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Garry Hopkins'.

12 February 2021

Garry Hopkins
Director, Western Region
Local and Regional Planning

Carolyn Crain

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Mr Mark Riley
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Dear Mr Riley

I am writing in response to correspondence received from Ms Carolyn Crain, Coordinator, Development & Regulatory Services, dated 2 March 2021 requesting comments from the Office of Local Government in relation to Council's proposal to amend the Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012 (LEP).

It is noted that Council proposes to amend the LEP by reclassifying Lot 1 DP1145233, Lot 2 Section 11 DP758144, Lot 3 Section 11 DP758114 and Lot 2 DP227656 from community land to operational land. Council is seeking this amendment in order to facilitate the transfer of the land to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group for continued use as an aged care facility. I also note that the land is currently used as an existing aged care facility and that, as Council was not aware it was the owner of these lands, Council has no planned alternate uses for the land.

I am aware that details of the proposed amendments have been included on Council's website (www.bourke.nsw.gov.au/planning-and-environment/planning-notices/) however, there are no instructions as to how submissions may be given in relation to the proposal. Please ensure those details are made clear on Council's website.

Council is reminded of the provisions of section 47G of the *Local Government Act 1993* in relation to public hearings. More particularly, the person presiding at a public hearing must not be a councillor or an employee of Council, or a person who has been a councillor or an employee of Council at any time during the five years before the date of his or her appointment. Council must also ensure a copy of the report in relation to the public hearing is made available for inspection no later than four days after it has received it from the person presiding over the public hearing.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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PUBLIC HEARING REPORT

Reclassification from Community Land to Operational Land

Endorsed by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Crothers".

Lisa Crothers
Independent Chair

03 May 2021

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1. Introduction

Bourke Admin Services was commissioned by Bourke Shire Council to independently chair a public hearing and prepare a public hearing report into the reclassification of Council owned land from Community land to Operational for a parcels of land being Lot 1 DP 1145233, Lot 2 Section 11 DP 758144, Lot 3 Section 11, DP 758144 and Lot 2 DP 227656 – 17-29 Darling Street Bourke, in the Bourke Local Government area.

The reclassification is part of the Planning Proposal that proposes to amend Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012 (LEP).

The Planning Proposal was publicly exhibited from **4 March 2021 to 6 April 2021**. There were no submissions received from the community during the exhibition period.

The public hearing relating to the proposed reclassification of land was conducted on **3 May 2021** and this public hearing report has been prepared in accordance with Section 29 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

2. Statutory Context

Public land is defined in the *Local Government Act 1993* as any land (including a public reserve) vested in Council, or under Council control. Public land is managed by Council under the *Local Government Act 1993* based on its classification.

Council is obligated under the *Local Government Act 1993* to classify land as either community land or operational land.

Community Land is land that Council makes available for use by the general public, for example, parks, reserves, or sportsground. This land cannot be sold, exchanged, or disposed of by Council. It can be leased/licenced under certain conditions.

Operational land is land which facilitates the functions of Council, and may not be open to the general public, for example, Council's works depot or a public drainage basin.

Classification or reclassification of public land may be undertaken pursuant to Section 27(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* via a Local Environmental Plan (LEP) made under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* or pursuant to Section 27(2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* via a resolution of Council. Should Council resolve to reclassify community land to operational land via a LEP, a Council is required by Section 29 of the *Local Government Act 1993* to convene a public hearing. Reclassification of land

does not in itself affect any estate or interest a Council has in the land.
Section 47G of the *Local Government Act 1993* provides in part as follows:

47G Public Hearings

(1) In this section, **public hearing** means any public hearing required to be arranged under this Part.

(2) The person presiding at a public hearing must not be—

(a) a councillor or employee of the council holding the public hearing, or

(b) a person who has been a councillor or employee of that council at any time during the 5 years before the date of his or her appointment.

(3) Not later than 4 days after it has received a report from the person presiding at the public hearing as to the result of the hearing, the council must make a copy of the report available for inspection by the public at a location within the area of the council.

For the purposes of Section 47G of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, Lisa Crothers has not been an employee of Bourke Shire Council within the last 5 years. Further, Lisa Crothers, has never been a Councillor at Bourke Shire Council.

3. Subject Land

The subject land is identified as 17-29 Darling Street Bourke being Lot 1 DP 1145233, Lot 2 Section 11 DP 758144, Lot 3 Section 11, DP 758144 and Lot 2 DP 227656.

The area consists of developed and vacant land. The current use is for the Rivergum Lodge Aged Care Facility.

4. Ownership and Land Use

The subject land is owned by Bourke Shire Council and used as an Aged Care Facility.

5. Planning Proposal Overview

The purpose of the reclassification of land is to facilitate the transfer of ownership of the land to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group for the continued use as an Aged Care Facility. The land will retain the existing R1 General Residential zone and minimum lot size (800m²) provisions which currently apply under the Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012.

The land is owned by Bourke Shire Council and is classified as Community land under the *Local Government Act 1993*. It is Council's intention to transfer ownership of the allotments to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group to continue the use as an Aged Care Facility. Council has no interests to discharge.

A copy of the Planning Proposal is included as **Attachment 1**.

A copy of the Gateway Determination is included as **Attachment 2**.

6. Public Exhibition and Public Hearing

6.1 Public Exhibition

The Planning Proposal was publicly exhibited from **4 March 2021 to 6 April 2021**.

Council has advised that advertising and notification of the proposal was undertaken in accordance with the relevant legislation requirements and Gateway Determination.

Interested parties were notified of the exhibition via:

- A notice posted on Council's website
- A notice posted on Council's Facebook page
- Local newspaper
- Notification to adjacent Neighbours
- A letter to the Office of Local Government

No submissions were received from the community during the exhibition notification period in relation to the Planning Proposal.

The Office of Local Government responded reminding Council of the provisions of Section 47(G) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. Please see **Attachment 3**.

6.2 Public Hearing

Council arranged a public hearing for the proposed reclassification of the site on **3 May 2021** at 5.00pm at Bourke Shire Council Chambers.

Council confirmed that an advertisement was placed in The Western Herald on **8 April 2021** advising of the public hearing in accordance with the relevant legislation. A notice was also placed on Council's website and Facebook page.

The public hearing was conducted in accordance with Clause 29 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The public hearing was chaired by Lisa Crothers of Bourke Admin Services.

The following Council staff attended:

- Carolyn Crain

No members of the community attended the public hearing.

The public hearing followed the ensuring protocol:

- Welcome and introduction to the public by the chairperson
- Brief overview of the project
- Public Land Classifications – a general overview
- Consultation requirements
- Overview of the site proposed for reclassification
- Concluding remarks and comments on next steps from Chairperson

The public hearing concluded at 5.15pm.

7. Community Public Hearing Submissions

No members of the public attended the public hearing.

A copy of the minutes of the public hearing forms **Attachment 4**.

8. Conclusion and Recommendations

In conclusion, after consideration of the issues surrounding the reclassification of the subject land it has been determined that, having regard to the circumstances and merits of the case as well as the broader public benefit, the proposed reclassification to operational of the subject land is appropriate.

The following recommendations are made:

- a) Council proceed with the reclassification of the subject land in accordance with the Planning Proposal from community to operational land.
- b) A copy of this report is made available to the public within four (4) business days in accordance with Section 47(G)(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Attachment 1 – Planning Proposal

Planning Proposal

To reclassify four (4) allotments at 17-29 Darling Street Bourke from Community to Operation land and discharge Councils interests to transfer ownership of the land to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group for continued use as an Aged Care Facility.

Amendment to Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012

Proposal

The planning proposal involves the reclassification of four (4) lots owned by Bourke Shire Council from Community to Operational land, to facilitate the transfer of ownership of the land to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group for the continued use as an Aged Care Facility. The land will retain the existing R1 General Residential zone and minimum lot size (800m²) provisions which currently apply under the Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012.

The land is owned by Bourke Shire Council and is classified as Community land under the Local Government Act 1993. It is Council's intention to transfer ownership of the allotments to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group to continue the use as an Aged Care Facility. Council has no interests to discharge.

The area consists of developed and vacant land. The current use is for the Rivergum Lodge aged care facility.

Site location and context

The subject land is described as Lot 1 DP 1145233, Lot 2 Section 11 DP 758144, Lot 3 Section 11 DP 758114 and Lot 2 DP 227656, 17-29 Darling Street Bourke. The total area of the land is approximately 5,915m². Refer to Locality Maps below.

The Certificate of Title of each parcel is provided as **Attachment A**. Details of each parcel are provided in **Attachment B**.

The site is located to the north of the town centre of Bourke. Surrounding land is zoned R1 General Residential.

Locality Map – subject land (not to scale)



Source: SIX Maps

Cadastral Information



Source: SIX Maps

Aerial Photo



Source: SIX Maps

Current Zoning



Source: NSW Planning Portal

All lots are owned by Council and are currently used as an existing aged care facility and vacant land, as shown on the imagery above. The planning proposal seeks to reclassify the land from Community to Operational land, to allow the transfer of the land.

Objectives and intended outcomes

The objective of this planning proposal is to reclassify the subject land from Community to Operational Land. Council has no interests to discharge. Council is not proposing to change the zoning or minimum lot size provisions of subject lots.

Explanation of provisions

The reclassification of the lots from Community to Operational land will enable the ownership of lots to be transferred by Council.

The proposed provisions in the planning proposal will achieve the intended outcomes by listing the subject land in Schedule 4 Classification and reclassification of public land Part 1 Land classified, or reclassified, as operational land – no interests changed of Bourke LEP 2012.

No mapping changes are required.

Justification

Need for the planning proposal

Is the planning proposal a result of any strategic study or report?

The planning proposal has been prepared having regard to the Department's *Practice Note PN 16-001- Classification and reclassification of public land through a LEP*. The planning proposal is not the result of any strategic study or report.

The proposal is a result of The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group approaching Council to transfer 17-29 Darling Street Bourke 'Rivergum Lodge' that it currently operates as an existing aged care facility. To be able to transfer the land a reclassification is required.

Due to the land historically not been viewed as being owned by Council, but rather owned by the Bourke Care of the Aged Committee, the land was not listed on Council's Land Register as either operational or community land. Council, however are listed as the owner of the allotments in the First Schedule of each of the respective Certificates of Title, and as such require the land to be reclassified at operational to allow the transfer of ownership to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group.

Is the planning proposal the best means of achieving the objectives or intended outcomes, or is there a better way?

Council's intention is to reclassify the subject land from Community to Operational, with the objective to transfer the land to the Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group. The planning proposal process is the best mechanism to allow Council to transfer the land. The objective of the proposal to transfer the land can only be achieved through an amendment to the Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012 via a planning proposal and approval of the Governor.

Relationship to strategic planning framework

Far West Regional Plan 2036

The proposal is consistent with the Far West Regional Plan. Direction 23 *Improve Access to local health services, aged care and seniors housing* is directly applicable to the proposal. The proposal is directly consistent with Action 23.7 as the proposal will result in the continued use of the aged care facility. The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group are proposing to expend funds and undertake capital works at the facility in the near future.

The proposal is generally consistent with the Regional Plan as it will continue to provide essential aged care services to the town of Bourke and the Far West Region. The subject land can be better utilised by disposal by Council to facilitate the further development of the aged care facility.

There is no current strategic land use plan applicable to the reclassification of land.

Consistency with relevant SEPPs

Refer to **Attachment C**.

Consistency with Section 9.1 Directions

Refer to **Attachment C**.

Local Land use Strategy

The Department endorsed Bourke Shire Strategy dated November 2012 applies to the land. The proposal is consistent with this strategy.

The site is not identified in the strategy for an aged care home, however its ongoing use will continue.

Section 8.5 of the Bourke Shire Strategy deals with Social and Economic Factors and provides an objective at section 8.5.3 to ensure that residents have adequate access to and equity for the provision of services and facilities. These objectives would be met by the continued provision of aged care services and facilities to the residents of the shire.

Environmental Social and economic impact

Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?

No. The planning proposal is not likely to adversely impact on critical habitats or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats. Part of the land is developed with an existing aged care facility. The two (2) vacant allotments to the west are cleared and vacant. The proposal will result in the reclassification of the land from community to operational land, and be

transferred by Council. It will not permit development in any areas with critical habitats or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?

No. There are no likely negative environmental effects associated with the planning proposal. The proposed amendments are administrative in nature and unlikely to result in any environmental effects.

The subject land is not identified as flood prone under the provisions of the Bourke LEP 2012.

Has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic impacts?

The social cost of this development is that the reclassification will limit the availability of Council owned lands, public reserves and open space that will be utilised by the broader community. The land currently houses an existing aged care facility, with the adjacent vacant land to the west being restricted, via a positive covenant imposing a requirement that the land is used only for the provision of aged care facilities/services. Any proposed future aged care facilities/services would provide aged care and employment opportunities during construction and ongoing operations, ultimately being a positive social impact for the Bourke community.

Mapping

No mapping changes are required for this proposal. The current zoning and minimum lot size will be retained.

Community Consultation

As the proposal is a reclassification, a period of 28 days exhibition is proposed, in line with Council's Community Participation Plan. A public hearing will also be required as the land is proposed to be reclassified.

Agency Consultation

Agency consultation will be undertaken with the Office of Local Government.

Project timeline

The proposal is expected to be finalised within 12 months of receiving a Gateway determination.

A draft timeline is provided below:

Action	Anticipated date
Lodge Gateway determination request with the Department	December 2020
Gateway determination received	January 2021
Completion of technical information	February 2021
Public exhibition	February 2021
Consideration of submissions	March 2021
Public Hearing	April 2021
Council meeting	May 2021
Submission for finalisation	May 2021
Finalisation of proposal	June 2021

Attachments

- A – Certificates of Title for each parcel
- B – Details of each parcel
- C – SEPP and Section 9.1 Direction checklists.

A – Certificates of Title for each parcel



NSW LAND REGISTRY SERVICES

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Title Search

NEW SOUTH WALES LAND REGISTRY SERVICES TITLE SEARCH

REF ID: 7/11/758124

ID	TITLE	DATE	FOLLOW UP
13/1/2020	01-56-191	01/07/1998	

LAND

LOT 2 OF SECTION 11 IN DEPOSITED PLAN 758124
 AT BOURKE
 LODGE GOVERNMENT AREA BOURKE
 PARISH OF BOURKE COUNTY OF COMPTON
 FORMERLY BOURKE ALLOTMENT 2 OF SECTION 11
 TITLE STRAIGHT CROWN PLAN 1, 1821

VIEW SCHEME

THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF BOURKE

SECOND SCHEDULE (1) NOTIFICATION

CAUSED BY THE REISSUE GENERAL CONDITIONS THE REGISTRATION OF ANY DEALING NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED 27-3-1998 AS FILED WITH 0270611

NOTIFICATIONS

NOTE: THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR THE SALE OF THE REGISTERED AREA NOT INCLUDE SECURITY FEATURES INCLUDING BE COMPUTERISED SUBSEQUENCES OF TITLE ISSUED FROM 27th JANUARY 2004. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT STRIPPER PROCEEDS ARE ADOPTED IN VERIFYING THE ACCURACY OF THE PERSON(S) CLAIMING A RIGHT TO DEAL WITH THE LAND COMPARED TO THIS FILE ID.

UNREGISTERED DEALINGS: NONE

END OF SEARCH

LAND REGISTRY SERVICES

Title Search

NEW SOUTH WALES LAND REGISTRY SERVICES TITLE SEARCH

FOLIO: 3/83758141

SEARCH DATE: 3/22/2020

TIME: 3:56 PM

POSITION NO: 1

DATE: 01/04/1998

LAND: LOT 3 OF SECTION 33 IN DEPOSITED PLAN 758141 AT DUNRIE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BOURKE PARISH OF BOURKE COUNTY OF COOPER (FORMERLY KNOWN AS A LOTMENT 3 OF SECTION 11) TITLE DJANGRA CROWN PLAN 11823

FIRST SCHEDULE THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF BOURKE (174757243)

SECOND SCHEDULE (1 NOTIFICATION)

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NOTATIONS

NOTE: THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR THIS FOLIO OF THE REGISTER DOES NOT INCLUDE SECURITY FEATURES INCLUDED ON COMPUTERISED CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUED FROM 14th JANUARY, 2004. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT STATEMENT PROCESSES ARE ADAPTED IN VERIFYING THE SOCIETY OF THE PERSON(S) CLAIMING A RIGHT TO DEAL WITH THE LAND COMPRESSED IN THIS FOLIO.

UNREGISTERED DEALINGS: NONE

END OF SEARCH

LAND REGISTRY SERVICES

NEW SOUTH WALES LAND REGISTRY SERVICES TITLE SEARCH

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SEARCH DATE 13/11/2020 **TIME** 11:56 PM

FOLIO 17/237656 **EDITION NO** 1 **DATE** 20/01/1994

LAND LOT 11 DEPOSITED PLAN 227656
AT TORRES
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA BIRRE
PARISH OF BIRRE **COUNTY OF** COOPER
TITLE 01/60944 0P/237656

FIRST SCHEDULE
THE COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF BIRRE

SECOND SCHEDULE (S NOTIFICATION)
3/1/1994 CAVEAT BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL PROVIDES THE
 REGISTRATION OF ANY DEALING NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
 TERMS OF DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED 23-11-1994 & FILED
 WITH 1/27/1994

NOTATIONS
 NOTE: THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR THIS FOLIO OF THE REGISTER DOES
 NOT INCLUDE SECURITY PLANS WHICH WERE REGISTERED
 CURRENT LEGALS OF TITLE ISSUED FROM 4TH JANUARY 2004. IT IS
 RECOMMENDED THAT STRIKING PROCESSES ARE ADOPTED IN VERIFYING THE
 IDENTITY OF THE PERSON(S) CLAIMING A RIGHT TO DEAL WITH THE LAND
 COMPRISED IN THIS FOLIO.

UNREGISTERED DEALINGS NONE

TYPE OF SEARCH FULL

B – Details of each parcel

Lot 1 DP 1145233	
Property Owner	Bourke Shire Council
Current classification	Community Land
Proposed classification	Operational Land
Title	Freehold
Public reserve	No
Zoning	R1 General Residential
Minimum Lot Size	800m ²
Area	1131m ²
Planning/Environmental constraints	Nil
Background information and how acquired	VOL 636 FOL 59
Certificate of title provisions, restrictions on the land	Caveat by the Registrar General forbids the registration of any dealing not in accordance with the terms of declaration of Trust dated 23/03/1994 and filed with U270633
Council interests	No
Is it proposed to discharge the land?	No
Current uses (authorised and unauthorised)	Vacant and undeveloped public open space
Strategic and Site Specific Merit issues	Not utilised as public open space

Lot 2 Section 11 DP 758144	
Property Owner	Bourke Shire Council
Current classification	Community Land
Proposed classification	Operational Land
Title	Freehold
Public reserve	No
Zoning	R1 General Residential
Minimum Lot Size	800m ²
Area	2057m ²
Planning/Environmental constraints	Nil
Background information and how acquired	VOL FOL 2/11/758144
Certificate of title provisions, restrictions on the land	Caveat by the Registrar General forbids the registration of any dealing not in accordance with the terms of declaration of Trust dated 23/03/1994 and filed with U270633
Council interests	No
Is it proposed to discharge the land?	No
Current uses (authorised and unauthorised)	Vacant and undeveloped public open space
Strategic and Site Specific Merit issues	Not utilised as public open space

Lot 3 Section 11 DP 758144	
Property Owner	Bourke Shire Council
Current classification	Community Land
Proposed classification	Operational Land
Title	Freehold
Public reserve	No
Zoning	R1 General Residential
Minimum Lot Size	800m ³
Area	2057m ²
Planning/Environmental constraints	Nil
Background information and how acquired	VOL FOL 3/11/758144
Certificate of title provisions, restrictions on the land	Caveat by the Registrar General forbids the registration of any dealing not in accordance with the terms of declaration of Trust dated 23/03/1994 and filed with U270633
Council interests	No
Is it proposed to discharge the land?	No
Current uses (authorised and unauthorised)	Aged Care Facility
Strategic and Site Specific Merit issues	Not utilised as public open space

Lot 2 DP 227656	
Property Owner	Bourke Shire Council
Current classification	Community Land
Proposed classification	Operational Land
Title	Freehold
Public reserve	No
Zoning	R1 General Residential
Minimum Lot Size	800m ²
Area	670.3m ²
Planning/Environmental constraints	NIL
Background information and how acquired	VOL FOL 2/227656
Certificate of title provisions, restrictions on the land	Caveat by the Registrar General forbids the registration of any dealing not in accordance with the terms of declaration of Trust dated 23/03/1994 and filed with U270633
Council interests	No
Is it proposed to discharge the land?	No
Current uses (authorised and unauthorised)	Aged Care Facility
Strategic and Site Specific Merit issues	Not utilised as public open space

C – SEPP and Section 9.1 Direction checklists

Section 9.1 Direction	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comments/Justification
1. Employment and Resources			
1.1 Business & Industrial Zones	N	N	
1.2 Rural Zones	N	N	
1.3 Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries	N	N	
1.4 Oyster Aquaculture	N	N	
1.5 Rural Lands	N	N	
2. Environment and Heritage			
2.1 Environmental Protection Zones	N	N	
2.2 Coastal Protection	N	N	
2.3 Heritage Conservation	N	N	
2.4 Recreational Vehicle Area	N	N	
2.5 Application of E2 and E3 Zones and Environmental Overlays in Far North Coast LEP's	N	N	

2.6 Remediation of Contaminated Land	N	N	
3. Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development			
3.1 Residential Zone	Y	Y	This Direction applies to the subject lots currently zones for residential use (zone R1 General Residential). The proposal is to reclassify the land will not increase the development potential of the subject lots as they were all created for development purposes
3.2 Caravan Parks and Manufactured Home estates	N	N	
3.3 Home Occupations	N	N	
3.4 Integrating Land Use and Transport	N	N	
3.5 Development Near Regulated Airports and Defence Airfields	N	N	
3.6 Shooting Ranges	N	N	
3.7 Reduction in non-hosted short term rental accommodation periods	N	N	
4. Hazard and Risk			
4.1 Acid Sulfate Soils	N	N	
4.2 Mine Subsidence and Unstable Land	N	N	

4.3 Flood Prone Land	N	N	
4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection	N	N	
5. Regional Planning			
5.1 Implementation of Regional Strategies	N	N	
5.2 Sydney Drinking Water Catchments	N	N	
5.3 Farmland of State and Regional Significance on the NSW Far North Coast	N	N	
5.4 Commercial and Retail Development along the Pacific Highway, North Coast	N	N	
5.5 Development in the vicinity of Ellalong, Paxton, and Millfield (Cessnock LGA) (Revoked 18 June 2010)	N	N	
5.6 Sydney to Canberra Corridor (Revoked 10 July 2008. See amended Direction 5.1)	N	N	
5.7 Central Coast (Revoked 10 July 2008. See amended Direction 5.1)	N	N	

5.8 Second Sydney Airport: Badgerys Creek (Revoked 20 August 2018)	N	N	
5.9 North West Rail Link Corridor Strategy	N	N	
5.10 Implementation of Regional Plans	Y	Y	This Direction applies to the planning proposal as it relates to directions of the Far West Regional Plan. As previously described, the planning proposal is consistent with the directions of the Regional Plan. Therefore, the proposal is consistent with this Direction.
5.11 Development of Aboriginal Land Council Land	N	N	
6. Local Plan Making			
6.1 Approval and Referral Requirements	N	N	
6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes	N	N	
6.3 Site Specific Provisions	N	N	
7. Metropolitan Planning			
7.1 Implementation of A Plan for Growing Sydney	N	N	
7.2 Implementation of Greater Macarthur Land Release Investigation	N	N	

7.3 Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy	N	N	
7.4 Implementation of North West Priority Growth Area Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan	N	N	
7.5 Implementation of Greater Parramatta Priority Growth Area Interim Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan	N	N	
7.6 Implementation of Wilton Priority Growth Area Interim Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan	N	N	
7.7 Implementation of Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Corridor	N	N	
7.8 Implementation of Western Sydney Aerotropolis Interim Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan	N	N	
7.9 Implementation of Bayside West Precincts 2036 Plan	N	N	

7.10 Implementation of Planning Principles for the Cooks Cove Precinct	N	N	
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State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)	Applicable (Y/N)	Consistent (Y/N)	Comments/Justification
State Environmental Planning Policy No.19 – Bushland in Urban Areas	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy No.21 – Caravan Parks	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy No.33 – Hazardous and Offensive Development	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy No.36 – Manufactured Home Estates	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy No.47 – Moore Park Showground	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy No.50 – Canal Estate Development	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy No.55 – Remediation of Land	N	N	

State Environmental Planning Policy No.64 – Advertising Signage	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy No.65 – Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy No.70 – Affordable Housing (Revised Schemes)	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Aboriginal Land) 2019	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Activation Precincts) 2020	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Concurrences and Consents) 2018	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Educational Establishments and Child Care Facilities) 2017	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Gosford City Centre) 2018	N	N	

State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Koala Habitat Protection) 2019	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Kosciuszko National Park – Alpine Resorts) 2007	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Kurnell Peninsula) 1989	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Infrastructure Corridors) 2020	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Penrith Lakes Scheme) 1989	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Primary Production and Rural Development) 2019	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (State and Regional Development) 2011	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (State Significant Precincts) 2005	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Sydney Drinking Water Catchment) 2011	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Sydney Regional Growth Centres) 2006	N	N	

State Environmental Planning Policy (Three Ports) 2013	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Urban Renewal) 2010	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Aerotropolis) 2020	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Employment Area) 2009	N	N	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Parklands) 2009	N	N	



LEP practice note

LOCAL PLANNING

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Classification and reclassification of public land through a local environmental plan

The purpose of this practice note is to update guidance on classifying and reclassifying public land through a local environmental plan (LEP). This practice note emphasises the need for councils to demonstrate strategic and site specific merit, includes a comprehensive information checklist and clarifies issues arising for public reserves and interests in land. It should be read in conjunction with *A guide to preparing local environmental plans* and *A guide to preparing planning proposals*.

Classification of public land

Public land is managed under the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act) based on its classification. All public land must be classified as either community land or operational land (LG Act ss.25, 26).

- **Community land** – is land council makes available for use by the general public, for example, parks, reserves or sports grounds.
- **Operational land** – is land which facilitates the functions of council, and may not be open to the general public, for example, a works depot or council garage.

What is public land?

Public land is defined in the LG Act as any land (including a public reserve) vested in, or under council control. Exceptions include a public road, land to which the *Crown Lands Act 1989* applies, a common, land subject to the *Trustees of Schools of Arts Enabling Act 1902* or a regional park under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

Why classify public land?

The purpose of classification is to identify clearly that land made available for use by the general public (community) and that land which need not (operational). How public land is classified determines the ease or difficulty a council can have dealings in public land, including its sale, leasing or licensing. It also provides for transparency in council's strategic asset management or disposal of public land.

Community land must not be sold, exchanged or otherwise disposed of by a council. It can be leased,

but there are restrictions on the grant of leases and licences, and also on the way community land can be used. A plan of management (PoM), adopted by council, is required for all community land, and details the specific uses and management of the land.

There are no special restrictions on council powers to manage, develop, dispose, or change the nature and use of operational land.

How is public land classified or reclassified?

Depending on circumstances, this is undertaken by either:

- council resolution under ss.31, 32, or 33 (through LG Act s.27(2)), or
- an LEP under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* (through LG Act s.27(1)).

Councils are encouraged to classify or reclassify land by council resolution where suitable.

Classification of public land occurs when it is first acquired by a council and classified as either community or operational.

Reclassification of public land occurs when its classification is changed from community to operational, or from operational to community.

Reclassification through an LEP

Classification and reclassification of public land through an LEP is subject to both the local plan-making process in the EP&A Act and the public land management requirements of the LG Act.

A planning proposal to classify or reclassify public land, will need to be prepared in accordance with this practice note and the additional matters specified in Attachment 1 to this practice note.

Reclassification through an LEP is the mechanism with which council can remove any public reserve status applying to land, as well as any interests affecting all or part of public land (LG Act s.30).

It is critical that all interests are identified upfront as part of any planning proposal. If public land is reclassified from community to operational, without relevant interests being identified and discharged, then the land will need to be reclassified back to community (usually by council resolution under LG Act s.33¹) before being reclassified in a new planning proposal to operational, to explicitly discharge any interests.

While a reclassification proposal to remove the public reserve status of land and/or discharge interests may not necessarily result in the immediate sale or disposal of the land, the community should be aware the public land in question is no longer protected under the LG Act from potential future sale once it has been reclassified to operational.

Councils should obtain their own advice when proposing to discharge any interests and be aware that this may attract a claim for compensation under the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.

Where land has been dedicated to council by a State agency for a particular purpose and a trust exists, it is advisable for council to seek the views of that agency prior to council commencing any planning proposal affecting the land.

Public reserve is defined in the LG Act and includes a public park and land declared or dedicated as a public reserve.

Land can be dedicated as a public reserve by either:

- registering a deposited plan with a statement creating a lot(s) as 'public reserve', or
- publishing a notification in the Government Gazette for an existing parcel.

Interests in land refers to property ownership as well as rights and privileges affecting land, such as leasehold, easements, covenants and mortgages.

For the purpose of reclassification through an LEP, 'interests' means trusts, estates, dedications, conditions, restrictions and covenants affecting the land.

A legal owner of land may not be the only person with an interest in the land. For example, one person may have the benefit of an easement for services, such as water, electricity or sewerage over someone else's land.

Certain interests are registered on title to ensure they are on record and cannot be disregarded if sold to a new owner. An electronic title search is generally conducted to determine the land owner, correct land description and the type of interests which may affect the land.

Standard Instrument LEP requirements

Clause 5.2—Classification and reclassification of public land in Standard Instrument LEPs enables councils to classify or reclassify public land as operational land or community land in accordance with the LG Act. The land to be reclassified or classified is described in Schedule 4 of the LEP.

Schedule 4 is not to refer to any land already classified or reclassified.

Where there is no public land to be classified, or reclassified, through a principal LEP (i.e. the LEP applies to the whole of a local government area), Schedule 4 will appear blank.

Note: At a later stage council may lodge a planning proposal to remove previous listings in Schedule 4. This will not affect the classification status of these parcels of land.

Department assessment

A proposal to classify or reclassify public land through an LEP must have planning merit. The Department will undertake an assessment to determine whether the proposal demonstrates strategic and site specific merit.

Community consultation

Planning proposals to reclassify public land are to be publicly exhibited for at least 28 days.

A copy of this practice note is to be included in the public exhibition materials.

¹ Note: Council is required to give public notice of the proposed resolution and provide a period of at least 28 days during which submissions may be made (LG Act s.34).

Public hearings

Councils must hold a public hearing when reclassifying public land from community to operational (EP&A Act s.57 & LG Act s.29). This gives the community an opportunity to expand on written submissions and discuss issues with an independent person in a public forum.

After the exhibition period has ended, at least 21 days public notice is to be given before the hearing. This allows the person chairing the hearing sufficient time to consider written submissions and all issues raised.

There are specific requirements for the independence of the person chairing the hearing, their preparation of a public hearing report and council making the report publicly available (LG Act s.47G).

Governor's approval

The Governor's approval is required when a reclassification proposal seeks to remove any public reserve status and/or discharge any interests affecting public land (s.30).

When a council reports back to the Department on the community consultation undertaken and requests the Department make the LEP, the Department will arrange legal drafting of the LEP, including recommending the Governor approve the provisions before the LEP can be legally made.

Where the Governor's approval is required, the council's report accompanying the final planning proposal must address:

- council's interests in the land;
- whether the land is a 'public reserve';
- the effect of the reclassification, including loss of open space, any discharge of interests, and/or removal of public reserve status;
- the strategic and site specific merits of the reclassification and evidence to support this;
- any current use of the land, and whether uses are authorised or unauthorised;
- how funds obtained from any future sale of the land will be used;
- the dates the planning proposal was publicly exhibited and when the public hearing was held;
- issues raised in any relevant submissions made by public authorities and the community;
- an explanation of how written and verbal submissions were addressed or resolved; and
- the public hearing report and council resolution.

Authorisation of delegation

Local plan making functions are now largely delegated to councils.

A Written Authorisation to Exercise Delegation is issued to a council as part of the Gateway determination. However, where an LEP requires the Governor's approval, this council delegation cannot be issued. In this instance, the council must request the Department make the LEP.

A decision to classify or reclassify public land cannot be sub-delegated by council to the general manager or any other person or body (LG Act s.377(1)(f)).

Background

On July 1, 1993 when the LG Act commenced, the following land under council ownership or control, was automatically classified as *community land*:

- land comprising a public reserve,
- land subject to a trust for a public purpose,
- land dedicated as a condition of consent under s.94 of the EP&A Act,
- land reserved, zoned or otherwise designated for use under an environmental planning instrument as open space,
- land controlled by council and vested in Corporation Sole - Minister administering the EP&A Act.

Councils must keep a register of land under their ownership or control (LG Act s.53) and anybody can apply to a council to obtain a certificate of classification (LG Act s.54).

Further information

A copy of this practice note, *A guide to preparing planning proposals* and *A guide to preparing local environmental plans* is available at:

<http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au>

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Carolyn McNally
Secretary

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ATTACHMENT 1 – INFORMATION CHECKLIST FOR PROPOSALS TO CLASSIFY OR RECLASSIFY PUBLIC LAND THROUGH AN LEP

The process for plan-making under the EP&A Act is detailed in *A guide to preparing planning proposals* and *A guide to preparing local environmental plans*.

Importantly, *A guide to preparing local environmental plans* contains the Secretary's requirements for matters that must be addressed in the justification of all planning proposals to reclassify public land. Councils must ensure the Secretary's requirements are addressed.

Councils must also comply with any obligations under the LG Act when classifying or reclassifying public land. More information on this can be found in *Practice Note No. 1 - Public Land Management* (Department of Local Government, 2000).

All planning proposals classifying or reclassifying public land must address the following matters for Gateway consideration. These are in addition to the requirements for all planning proposals under section 55(a) – (e) of the EP&A Act (and further explained in *A guide to preparing planning proposals* and *A guide to preparing local environmental plans*).

- the current and proposed classification of the land;
- whether the land is a 'public reserve' (defined in the LG Act);
- the strategic and site specific merits of the reclassification and evidence to support this;
- whether the planning proposal is the result of a strategic study or report;
- whether the planning proposal is consistent with council's community plan or other local strategic plan;
- a summary of council's interests in the land, including:
 - how and when the land was first acquired (e.g. was it dedicated, donated, provided as part of a subdivision for public open space or other purpose, or a developer contribution)
 - if council does not own the land, the land owner's consent;
 - the nature of any trusts, dedications etc;
- whether an interest in land is proposed to be discharged, and if so, an explanation of the reasons why;
- the effect of the reclassification (including, the loss of public open space, the land ceases to be a public reserve or particular interests will be discharged);
- evidence of public reserve status or relevant interests, or lack thereof applying to the land (e.g. electronic title searches, notice in a Government Gazette, trust documents);
- current use(s) of the land, and whether uses are authorised or unauthorised;
- current or proposed lease or agreements applying to the land, together with their duration, terms and controls;
- current or proposed business dealings (e.g. agreement for the sale or lease of the land, the basic details of any such agreement and if relevant, when council intends to realise its asset, either immediately after rezoning/reclassification or at a later time);
- any rezoning associated with the reclassification (if yes, need to demonstrate consistency with an endorsed Plan of Management or strategy);
- how council may or will benefit financially, and how these funds will be used;
- how council will ensure funds remain available to fund proposed open space sites or improvements referred to in justifying the reclassification, if relevant to the proposal;
- a Land Reclassification (part lots) Map, in accordance with any standard technical requirements for spatial datasets and maps, if land to be reclassified does not apply to the whole lot; and
- preliminary comments by a relevant government agency, including an agency that dedicated the land to council, if applicable.

Attachment 2 – Gateway Determination



Gateway Determination

Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP-2021-12): to reclassify four (4) lots in Bourke from 'community' to 'operational' land – No. 17-29 Darling Street Bourke.

I, the Acting Director, Western Region at the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, as delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, have determined under section 3.34(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) that an amendment to the Bourke Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2011 to reclassify four (4) lots from 'community' to 'operational' land being Lot 1 DP 1145233, Lot 2 Section 11 DP 758144, Lot 3 Section 11 DP 758114 and Lot 2 DP 227656, No 17-29 Darling Street Bourke should proceed subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to community consultation, an analysis of the impact of the removal of Lot 2 Sec 11 DP 758144 (2057m²) and Lot 1 DP 1145233 (1131m²) from Council's community land stock within Bourke township. This analysis is to be provided to the Department for approval prior to community consultation.
2. Community consultation is required under section 3.34(2)(c) and schedule 1 clause 4 of the Act as follows:
 - (a) the planning proposal must be made publicly available for a minimum of 28 days; and
 - (b) the planning proposal authority must comply with the notice requirements for public exhibition of planning proposals and the specifications for material that must be made publicly available along with planning proposals as identified in section 6.5.2 of *A guide to preparing local environmental plans* (Department of Planning and Environment, 2018).
3. Consultation is required with the Office of Local Government (OLG) under section 3.34(2)(d) of the Act. The OLG is to be provided with a copy of the planning proposal and any relevant supporting material and given at least 21 days to comment on the proposal.
4. Bourke Shire Council is to conduct a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of section 29 of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the proposal involves the reclassification of public land from 'community' land to 'operational' land. Further information regarding the reclassification and public hearing process this can be found in Practice Note 16-001- Classification and reclassification of public land through a local environmental plan.
5. The time frame for completing the LEP is to be 6 months following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated 4 day of February 2021.

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Haydon Murdoch
Acting Director, Western Region
Local and Regional Planning
Department of Planning, Industry and
Environment

Delegate of the Minister for Planning
and Public Spaces

Attachment 3 – Office of Local Government Response

From: OLG Office of Local Government Mailbox [mailto:olg@olg.nsw.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 13 April 2021 12:54 PM
To: OLG - Bourke Shire Council
Subject: Correspondence from the Office of Local Government (Our Ref: A762658) – NC

Doc ID: A762658
Ref: DW-21-CC-T5.3.1
Contact: Performance Team
Phone: 02 4428 4100

Mr Mark Riley
General Manager
Bourke Shire Council
Bourkeshire@bourke.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Riley

I am writing in response to correspondence received from Ms Carolyn Crain, Coordinator, Development & Regulatory Services, dated 2 March 2021 requesting comments from the Office of Local Government in relation to Council's proposal to amend the Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012 (LEP).

It is noted that Council proposes to amend the LEP by reclassifying Lot 1 DP1145233, Lot 2 Section 11 DP758144, Lot 3 Section 11 DP758114 and Lot 2 DP227656 from community land to operational land. Council is seeking this amendment in order to facilitate the transfer of the land to The Frank Whiddon Masonic Homes Group for continued use as an aged care facility. I also note that the land is currently used as an existing aged care facility and that, as Council was not aware it was the owner of these lands, Council has no planned alternate uses for the land.

I am aware that details of the proposed amendments have been included on Council's website (www.bourke.nsw.gov.au/planning-and-environment/planning-notices/) however, there are no instructions as to how submissions may be given in relation to the proposal. Please ensure those details are made clear on Council's website.

Council is reminded of the provisions of section 47G of the *Local Government Act 1993* in relation to public hearings. More particularly, the person presiding at a public hearing must not be a councillor or an employee of Council, or a person who has been a councillor or an employee of Council at any time during the five years before the date of his or her appointment. Council must also ensure a copy of the report in relation to the public hearing is made available for inspection no later than four days after it has received it from the person presiding over the public hearing.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment acknowledges that it stands on Aboriginal land. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and we show our respect for elders past, present and emerging through thoughtful and collaborative approaches to our work, seeking to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to providing places in which Aboriginal people are included socially, culturally and economically.

Attachment 4 – Public Hearing Minutes

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RELATION TO PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR
PUBLIC LAND RECLASSIFICATION HELD AT BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON MONDAY 3 MAY 2021.**

Chairperson: Lisa Crothers
Council staff: Carolyn Crain
Members of the Public: No attendances

Meeting commenced at 5.00pm

No members of the public attended meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 5.15 pm.



Lisa Crothers
Independent Chairperson
3 May 2021

13.3 BOURKE COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT PLAN

File Number: A11.2.24
Author: Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: 1. Bourke Community Centre Management Plan

Background

The Bourke Community Centre is located at 65 Mitchell St Bourke. It was previously known as the 'Senior Citizens Hall'. The facility has been used for a variety of purposes, including 'Flicks in the Sticks', a needlecraft group, a seniors exercise group and various meetings.

1 Now named the 'Bourke Community Centre', the building has had some well-needed refurbishments including a new kitchen, new floor coverings, reverse cycle air conditioning, general repairs, upgrade of bathroom facilities, replacement of doors and new window furnishings.

The Bourke Community Centre Management Plan has been developed in accordance with the provisions Section 35-48 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Current Situation

The Community Centre Management Plan directs the management, development and use of the Centre. At Councils February, 2021 meeting it was resolved that the draft Bourke Community Centre Management Plan be placed on public exhibition for comment for the prescribed legislative timeframe of 28 days.

The Plan was subsequently placed on public exhibition from 25 February 2021 to 26 March 2021 with nil submissions received by Council.

Financial Implications

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

Recommendation

That the Bourke Community Centre Management Plan be adopted.

Bourke Shire Council



Plan of Management

for the

Bourke Community Centre

Prepared in accordance with the provisions Section 35-48 of the
Local Government Act 1993

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1. Property Description

LPI	2635525
OWNER	Bourke Shire Council
PROPERTY ADDRESS	65 Mitchell Street Bourke
TITLE DESCRIPTION	Lot B DP 322541
AREA	607m ²
MOST COMMONLY KNOWN:	Bourke Community Centre
CURRENT USAGE:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Meetings b. Private functions
ZONING UNDER LEP:	R1 – General Residential
CLASSIFICATION (Section 26):	Community
SUB-CLASSIFICATION (Section 36(4)):	General Community use
SUB-CLASSIFICATION (Section 36(5)):	Not Applicable
LOCATION WITHIN TOWNSHIP:	SEE ATTACHED MAP APPENDIX 1

2. Brief History

Previously known as the 'Senior Citizens Hall', the facility has been used for a variety of purposes, including 'Flicks in the Sticks', a needlecraft group, a seniors' exercise group and various meetings.

Now named the 'Bourke Community Centre', the building has had some well-needed refurbishments including a new kitchen, new floor coverings, reverse cycle air conditioning, general repairs, upgrade of bathroom facilities, replacement of doors and new window furnishings.

It is hoped that the refurbished facility will see increased patronage from existing and potential user groups as it had been quite some time since any significant works had been undertaken at the facility.

3. Categorisation under Section – 36 (4) LGA

Council is required to categorise the land under section 36 (1) (4) of the Local Government Act and for the purposes of that section, the land has been categorised as:-

36(4) (e) – General Community Use

The following is an extract from the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 provides guidance in respect of the classification detailed under S36 (1) (4).

106 Guidelines for categorisation of land as general community use

Land should be categorised as general community use under section 36 (4) of the Act if the land:

- (a) may be made available for use for any purpose for which community land maybe used, whether by the public at large or by specific sections of the public, and*
- (b) is not required to be categorised as a natural area under section 36A, 36B or 36C of the Act and does not satisfy the guidelines under clauses 102-105 for categorisation as a natural area, a sportsground, a park or an area of cultural significance.*

4. Objectives and Performance Targets in Respect of the Land - 36(3)(b)

- a. To ensure that the land and buildings meets the needs in respect of the following:-
 - (i) public recreation,
 - (ii) the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of persons,
- b. That the land and building contained thereon are maintained to the satisfaction of user groups.
- c. Sufficient funding is provided for any current and intended uses.
- d. That the future uses are in compliance with clause 106 of the Local Government (General) Regulation.
- e. That the ongoing use is in accord with community expectations.

5. Means of Achieving the Objectives and Targets - 36(3) (c)

- a. Annual Budgetary provisions allocated.
- b. Leases, if applicable, reflect responsibilities of both lessee and lessor.
- c. Regular liaison and consultation with user groups and/or lessees.
- d. Review of uses.
- e. Community consultation as applicable.

6. Method of Assessment of Objectives and Performance Targets - 36(3) (d)

- a. Degree of general community satisfaction.
- b. Degree of satisfaction of the various user groups.
- c. Compliance with the objectives for the land as detailed in Section 3 of this plan.
- d. Compliance with all legislative planning and building legislation.
- e. The meeting as far as possible within budgetary constraints the needs and expectation of the community.

7. Description of the condition of the land and buildings and any other improvements on the land - 36(3A) (a) (i)

The following details a current assessment of the buildings and improvements on the land

1. Building – Good
2. Land – Fair

8. Current use of the Land and Buildings - 36(3A) (a) (ii)

The current use of the land and buildings is as follows:-

- a. The facility is used for a variety of purposes such as meetings, exercise and sewing groups, movie nights and other functions.

9. Purposes for which the land, buildings and improvements will be allowed to be used -36(3A) (b) (i)

Consistent with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 the purposes for which the land, buildings and improvements are able to be utilised are covered in the definition so the categorization of the land in the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 in clause 106.

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10. Purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted under what conditions together with the scale and intensity of such development-36(A)(b)(i) and (ii)

Consistent with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 the purposes for which the land, buildings and improvements are able to be utilised are covered in the definition of the categorization of the land in the Local Government (General) Regulations in clause 106.

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Scale and Intensity

The scale and intensity of the further development will be governed by the appropriate legislative provisions including the Bourke Local Environment Plan 2012, the Bourke Shire Council Development Control Plan and the Planning and Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

11. The ability of Council to enter into a lease over the land

This Plan of Management gives the authorisation to Council to enter into a lease of the land with the provision that the use under the proposed lease is consistent with the categorization under Section 36 (4) of the Local Government Act 1993 and the Guidelines for such categorization as detailed in Clause 106 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 and the provisions of Section 46(1) (b) and is also consistent with Sections 47 and 47A.

A summary of those provisions is detailed in Appendix 2 which is an extract from the Practice Note issued by the Office of Local Government in respect of Public Land Management.

12. Conditions to be applied to such lease

46 Leases, licences and other estates in respect of community land generally

(1) A lease, licence or other estate in respect of community land:-

(a) may be granted for the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities, or

(a1) may be granted for the purpose of providing pipes, conduits or other connections under the surface of the ground for the connection of premises adjoining the community land to a facility of the Council or other public utility provider, or

(b) may be granted, in accordance with an express authorisation in the plan of management and such provisions of the plan of management as apply to the granting of the lease, licence or other estate:-

(i) for a purpose prescribed by subsection (4), or for a purpose prescribed by any of sections 36E to 36N as a core objective of the categorisation of the land concerned, or

(ii) for a purpose prescribed by the regulations, if the plan of management applies to several areas of community land, or

(iii) for a short-term, casual purpose prescribed by the regulations, or

(iv) for a residential purpose in relation to housing owned by the Council, or

(c) may be granted in order to allow a filming project to be carried out, whether or not the project is in accordance with the plan of management or is consistent with the core objectives of the categorisation of the land concerned, but may not otherwise be granted.

The following purposes are prescribed for the purposes of subsection (1) (b) (i):-

(a) the provision of goods, services and facilities, and the carrying out of activities, appropriate to the current and future needs within the local community and of the wider public in relation to any of the following:-

(i) public recreation,

(ii) the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of persons,

(b) the provision of public roads.

A lease etc. must be authorised in a Plan of Management AND be for a purpose consistent with the core objectives for the category of land AND be for a purpose listed in section 46(1)

(a). A lease that is authorised by a plan, but which is not for a permitted purpose, is invalid under the Local Government Act.

13. Responsibility for the Management of the Land

The responsibility for the management of the land (yard) itself falls to the Manager of Works of Bourke Shire Council, whilst the responsibility for the buildings falls under the Manager of Environment Services of Bourke Shire Council.

14. Contact for information in relation to the plan of management for the land

Information in respect of this Plan of Management can be obtained by contacting Bourke Shire Council.

15. Appendix 1 – Map showing Location within Township





16. Appendix 2 - Leasing, Licensing and the Granting of Other Estates Over Community Land

Community land is classified because of its importance to the community. It is generally set aside for the public to enjoy. Leasing and other forms of alienation limit the ability of the public to use that land. The land is reserved for the exclusive use of one (1) group or one (1) person. Other matters may also arise, but this is at the core of the issues involved in the leasing etc. of community land.

The Local Government Act contains important restrictions on the ability of Council to grant leases, licenses and other estates over community land. This is coupled with requirements for public consultation to make sure that Council takes community views into account.

5.1 Plans of management and leasing, licensing and granting other estates:-

Council may only grant a lease, license or other estate if:

- *the plan of management expressly authorises the lease etc. AND*
- *the purpose of the lease etc. is consistent with the core objectives for the category of land (s.46(2)) AND*
- *the lease etc. is for a purpose listed in section 46(1)(b).*

"Other estates"

The term "estate" is wide and includes many other rights over land that can be granted. The technical legal meaning is found in the Interpretation Act 1987, section 21 - "estate includes interest, charge, right, title, claim, demand, lien and encumbrance whether at law or in equity." A common example in Local Government is the grant of easements.

The term "other estates" was inserted on 1 January 1999. This means that all grants of all estates after this date, (not just leases and licenses) must:-

- be expressly authorised in a plan of management, and
- be consistent with the core objectives for the land, and
- be for a purpose permitted under the Act.

Requests for easements for rights of way over community land to access private property should be carefully checked against the legislation to ensure that the easement is authorised, is for a purpose permitted under s.46 (1) (b) and is consistent with the core objectives. While an easement may not be available, it is of course open to Council to pursue other avenues to resolve access issues.

17. Appendix 3 – Buildings on Property



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13.4 FENCING OF HISTORIC SECTION - BOURKE CEMETERY

File Number: C3.1
Author: Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services
Authoriser: Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services
Attachments: 1. Conservation Management Plan - Bourke Cemetery

Background

In 2014 Council's then Heritage Advisor, Mr Gary Stanley, completed a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for the historic section of the Bourke Cemetery.

One of the recommendations for conservation of the historic section is to control the vehicular access to the old section to eliminate erosion and possible damage to monuments that could occur from vehicles.

Current Situation

Council has secured funding from the Drought Community Fund Round 2, for cemetery conservation. Part of this funding will be used to erect a fence between the old historic section and new section, north of Fred Hollows grave, in consultation with Council's Heritage Advisor.

Pedestrian access will still be available via entry points along the fence. Vehicular access will only be available to Council staff to carry out required maintenance work via a double gate access point.

Financial Implications

Works will be funded through grant funds.

Recommendation
For the information of Council.

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**CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN
BOURKE CEMETERY
GORREL AVE.
BOURKE
N.S.W**



for

**Bourke Shire Council
Mitchell St.
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Prepared by

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June 2014

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Bourke General Cemetery is a landmark of recognised Local and potentially State significance in the town of Bourke. It is a fine example of nineteenth century cemetery, and one of a number of town landscapes and buildings which help define the history of Bourke.

The opportunity to retain the essential heritage landscape characteristics and to maintain the use is to be encouraged as an important part of Bourke's history.

Some aspects of the cemetery are in poor condition, particularly vehicular access and erosion of monuments. The possibility of controlling these is at present being considered.

Conservation policies have been formulated to ensure that the landscape, and monuments are maintained to conserve the heritage qualities of the place.

THE NEED FOR A CONSERVATION PLAN

A Conservation Management Plan is needed in relation to an important heritage item. It ensures that any work carried out on the building or place provides for the long-term conservation of the item and should address the following issues:

Understanding the heritage item through the investigation of its historical and geographical context, its history, fabric, research potential, and importance to the community.

Preparation of a statement of significance – based on an analysis of documentary and physical evidence to determine the nature, extent and degree of significance of the heritage item.

Development of a conservation policy, arising out of the statement of heritage significance, to guide current and future owners of the item on the development potential of the item and its ongoing maintenance. Constraints and opportunities are to be examined.

Considering current proposals for re-use or development, and how they can best be achieved in accordance with the conservation policy. Where proposals may have an adverse impact on the heritage significance of the item, the need for such work must be justified. In relation to any proposals, a number of options are to be considered.

Recommendations as to how the heritage item can best be managed by those responsible and interested in the ongoing conservation. It is to include proposals to review the conservation. It is to include proposals to review the conservation management plan and the item's maintenance

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The place

The Bourke Cemetery is located in Gorrell Ave. Bourke New South Wales. The property is known as Lot D.P. In the Parish of East Bourke, County of Cowper, within the Shire of Bourke. It is described as:

Lot 1 DP 1119321

Lot 1 DP 1106547

Lot 1 DP 1120990

Lot 1 DP 1106546

Lot 1 DP 1120968.

There is no certificate of title, however there is a plan of the cemetery shown on the record of land sales map.



Fig. 1. Part 1886 Land Sales Map

The cemetery is the largest in the Shire of Bourke, and one of a number of cemeteries / burial places in the locality. There are other cemeteries at North Bourke, Louth, Yantabulla, Byrock, Wannaring, Fords Bridge, Barrangun, and Engonia. There are also burial sites at the Bourke Hospital and on most big properties in the Shire.

The land is owned by the Crown and leased and administered by the Council of the Shire of Bourke. The cemetery is maintained by two Council staff as part of their other duties. There is an average of 30 burials / year, for which there is a one off charge.

1.2 The consultant's brief

Garry Stanley, architect and heritage advisor to the Shire of Bourke was commissioned by the Council of the Shire to prepare a Conservation Management Plan to provide guidelines for restoration and maintenance.

1.3 Structure of report and terminology

This report has been undertaken using the methodology and structure outlined in JS Kerr, the Conservation Plan, third edition 1990, published by the National Trust Australia (NSW).

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Methodology is based on the principles and processes described in the Australia ICOMOS Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural significance known as the Burra Charter, including its attached Guidelines on Cultural Significance, Conservation Policy, and Procedures for undertaking Studies and Reports. A copy of Burra Charter without guidelines is attached as Appendix A.

Throughout this report, the terms place, cultural significance, fabric, conservation, maintenance, preservation, restoration and compatible use as defined in the Burra Charter (refer to Appendix A). It should be noted that as a consequence, the meaning of these terms in this report may differ from their popular meaning.

1.4 Author identification

This report was compiled and written by Garry Stanley, Architect and Heritage Consultant. Unless otherwise stated, photographs and drawings were prepared by Garry Stanley.

The main archival resources at Bourke Library, of burial records, books, reports and newspaper references have been looked at, but the search has not been exhaustive due to budgetary constraints.

2.0 CONSERVATION ANALYSIS

2.1 Assessment of Cultural Significance

This section sets out physical and documentary evidence for the place, then synthesises this in a historical summary. All aspects of significance are then discussed and assessed to formulate clear statements of cultural significance.

This Conservation Management Strategy has been developed to investigate and establish the cultural significance to formulate appropriate policies for the conservation of the primary significant cultural by values of the place and the perpetuation of the use of the site as a cemetery.

The guidelines on Cultural Significance and Conservation policy, Section 1.3 of the Burra Charter states the assessment of cultural significance and the preparation of a statement of cultural significance embodied in a report as defined in Section 4.0 (of the guidelines) are essential prerequisites to making decisions about the future of a place.

The Burra Charter defines cultural significance as meaning aesthetic, historic, scientific or social values for past, present or future generations. It proposes these categories as a basis for assessment.

The NSW Heritage Office has developed a set of criteria as set out in the New South Wales State Heritage Inventory manual : Assessing Heritage Significance 2001), which are used for the State Heritage Inventory Project (SHIP). These criteria have been used in this report and are outlined in section 4.0.

This Conservation Management Strategy has been developed to investigate and establish the cultural significance, to formulate appropriate policies for the conservation of the site as a whole taking into account both the care of significant physical fabric, and ongoing use and management

The essence of this Conservation Management strategy can be extracted from the following section: Statement of General Conservation Policy

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2.2 Physical Evidence

2.2.1 Description

The Bourke General Cemetery occupies a large site approx, 6 ha. along the eastern side of Gorrel Ave. (the road to Cobar, now named the Kidman Way) approx. 1 km south of Bourke town. A survey undertaken in 1999 assessed that there were 5,790 burial sites. The site has a vehicular access at the southern end to a carpark from which there is vehicular and pedestrian access to the cemetery. The whole of the site is defined by an 1800 high chain wire mesh fence.



Fig. 2. Location of Cemetery : source Google Maps

2.2.2 Photographic Record

Photographs of the cemetery were taken by the author and have been included in the report from locations shown on the following plan, figure 3.



Fig. 3. Location of photographs plan

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Photo. 1. Bourke Cemetery from Gorrel Ave

The cemetery is at the southern entrance to Bourke in a large open space context. It is bounded by the new town levee constructed in 1997 on the southern side. To the west it is defined by the open space of the Bourke Golf Course opposite, zoned RE1, Public Recreation. The land immediately to the east is zoned industrial and is occupied by the Clyde Agricultural Company. The southern half of the cemetery is new, established in 1966 and is divided into sections: Roman Catholic, Church of England, and Methodist. The grave sites are regularly spaced and accessed off pathways.

The landscape of the cemetery has a two distinct characters determined by the two sections called the 'Old' and the 'New' sections.



Fig. 4. The Old and New sections of the Bourke Cemetery

2.2.3 Sections

The Old, northern, Section was established in 1861, is a dryland grey-green landscape dominated by the irregular spacings of mature native trees, Eucalyptus coolabah. Within this landscape there is an irregular arrangement of low stone graves, and grave fences, punctuated with the occasional tall monuments up to 4m high and accessed by irregular tracks and pathways. There are views to the east of large scale industrial buildings white in colour. These structures are partly screened by the eroded old levee bank. Two sets of brick pillared gates were built in 1953, and were erected in memory of Stewart T. Hales. The gates gave vehicular and pedestrian access to the old portion of the cemetery. The gates were closed to vehicles in 1966 but are still used by tourists.



Photo 2. Landscape of the Old Section

The New, southern section, is irrigated and was opened in 1966. It has a landscape character determined by bright green shrubs and trees including Callitris, Cuppresses and deciduous tree species, sometimes planted in lines. The graves are nearly all low, less than 1m high and with no distinguishing features. within this section there is a columbarium wall for ashes. To the south of the cemetery, there is a popular pet section.



Photo 3. Landscape of the New Section

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2.2.4 Graves and Monuments

The cemetery contains a large number of noteworthy graves which include: A separate fenced Mohammedan area containing the monuments on graves of four Afghan camel drivers. The most imposing of the monuments is to Zeriph Khan (Afghan), born Afghanistan 1871, died 3rd. March 1903 aged 32 years. This grave is marked by a 2.5 high marble stele with incised ivy motif. This and three other Afghan graves, unlike the rest of the graves in the cemetery, face Mecca being south/north in aspect. Perhaps the most interesting is the grave of local identity Bye Khan, died 9/6/1947 aged 107 years.

Of some social significance are graves of two policemen with the following inscriptions:

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE ROBERT ARMITAGE, A CONSTABLE OF THE NSW POLICE
WHO WAS SHOT DEAD AT BOURKE, ON THE 11TH. SEPTEMBER 1867 ERECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

IN MEMORY OF JOHN McCABE CONSTABLE NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE
WHO DIED ON THE 1ST NOVEMBER 1868 FROM THE EFFECTS OF WOUNDS RECEIVED WHILST COURAGEOUSLY PERFORMING HIS DUTY ENDEAVOURING TO APPREHEND AN ARMED BUSHRANGER

The most dramatic monument in the cemetery is a 4m white marble sculpture of a maiden with rustic cross, pedestal decorated with floral motif in high relief and upturned torches set on the grave of John Green (29/7/1888). Nearby are several large white angels, one 4m high Cora Faith (5/8/1901). In the centre of the cemetery are 15 nuns' graves in a row, each of which is marked by a concrete desk with white marble tablet and concrete surround, covering a period from 1907 to 1959. The Morral family grave (1914 and 1934) is a terrazzo Gothic arch with one metre high plaster statue of Jesus and Cross surmount.

Masons for the graves and monuments include those from major rural centres including

Fraser of Dubbo (1870s)
Walker Bourke (1880s)
Hanson and Compny (1880s)
Andrew Bros. Sydney (1880s)
Taylor and Son (1890s)
F. Arnol, Sydney (1900-1910's)
Doyle and Dukes of Waverley Sydney (1920's)

Of the large number of monuments four broad types have been categorised as follows.

Monument type 1

Significant vertical monuments including statues on pedestals and columns.

Monument type 2

Simple grave defined with stone or concrete edging. The area inside the edging being gravel, terrazzo, stone or concrete.

Monument type 3

Steel stellae and fence

Monument type 4

Gravel defined by ornamental steel fence of varying designs.

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The most recent monument is that to Fred Hollows, a contemporary sculpture in granite erected in 2006 replacing original gravestone. Austrian sculptor Andreas Biasmo was commissioned by the Hollows family. The memorial is frequently visited by tourists.



Photo 4. Fred Hollows Grave and Monument

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2.2.5 The Mosque



.Photo 9. The Afghan Mosque.

A single storey timber framed and corrugated iron clad room approx. 4.5 m x 3.5m with simple gable roof and one side verandah constructed in 1920. A window in each gable end, and one door. Internally there is a 'false door' to Mecca framed in the wall with a false dado rail which is painted with an Islamic motif. Vandalism, and the threat of more, caused this building to be relocated by the Council from its original site in Hope St. to the Bourke General Cemetery, where it has been placed near the Afghan section. Windows and doors that were badly damaged have been removed by the Shire and the openings wire meshed over to prevent access.

3.0 HISTORICAL SUMMARY

As pastoralism became established in the western districts, the need for service towns on the Darling was obvious. The surveyor Major Mitchell had foreshadowed this by his creation of Fort Bourke in 1835, but no government action was required until paddle-steamers began to ply the Murray-Darling at the end of the 1850s

Bourke's location was highly suitable. The government decision to layout a major town near Mitchell's Fort Bourke along with a smaller town on the Barwon at Brewarrina was sound. For the most part Bourke could be reached by water for part of each year and the essential means of transporting heavy wool bales to the coastal markets was initially by water. The river boats also brought in heavy supplies of all sorts as well as live animals. All this was essential to the graziers along the Darling and its hinterland.

Accordingly a site for the township of Bourke was surveyed by Charles Arthur in 1860 on a triangle of crown land and the town was pegged out in 1862, incorporating two existing huts near the river. The present grid plan and many street-names were decided in 1862 and town allotments were offered in a series of sales, beginning in September 1862 and continuing in 1863, 1864, 1867, 1870, 1871, and 1880. The surveyed town site included provision for a cemetery.

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Figure 5. Land Sales Map 1886 showing location of cemetery.

Services developed at once, with stores and establishment of a police magistrate, and hotels. The town grew rapidly from 300 in 1866 to over 3000 in 1892, built on the prosperity of the wool industry. By the 1890s there were four banks and four churches. The Anglican Church was built in 1868 and the Catholic Church St. Ignatius in 1874. Both these brick church buildings are still extant. The timber Methodist church was built in 1869 and demolished in 1978. The timber Presbyterian Church built in 1890, demolished in 1976.

The four churches have an intimate relationship with the cemetery as it is from each of these churches that the funeral services were conducted before burial at the cemetery

Initially transport south to the coast from Bourke was by paddlesteamers plying the Darling River. The construction of the railway from Nyngan to Bourke in 1885, changed the direction of flow of the river boats to link with the railway. The railway eventually closed in 1992.

At the beginning of the twenty first century Bourke had stabilised and is serving an area where pastoralism has again declined and employs few workers, and where the rise of agriculture has brought a new economic focus.

Initially the cemetery was administered by Trustees and the earliest burial records may be Henry Senfort Sly, a child of 11 months 8 days buried 21/10/1861 and son of Bourke's first settler William Sly.

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A register of early burials at Bourke shows the following: 1862-12 deaths, 1864 – 18 deaths, 1865– 38 deaths, 1866 – 47 deaths, 1867 – 44 deaths, 1868-44 deaths, 1869 – 26 deaths, 1870 -45 deaths, 1871 – 22 deaths, 1872 – 26 deaths, 1873 – 35 deaths, 1874 – 41 deaths, 1875 – 59 deaths, 1876 – 67 deaths, 1877-23 deaths. 1879 -90 deaths, 1880- 61 deaths.

In 1890 a flood and other floods of the Darling river afterwards caused the cemetery to be closed and burials were at the Hospital grounds and North Bourke.

Bourke was proclaimed a Municipality in 1878 while the cemetery was in use. It wasn't dedicated until 7th. January 1879.

In 1883 there was a plan to move the cemetery to North Bourke, but while land was selected it was never used. However a smaller cemetery was established on Church lands there, which is identified by a picket fence and two monuments.

Professor Fred Hollows, who was buried in the cemetery in 1993, was an Australian of the Year, and winner of a Human Rights Award. Fred had begun his work on cataract blindness in Aboriginal people in Bourke. The monument was erected in 2006.

In 1998 the Bourke Mosque was relocated to the Cemetery from the town. The mosque is considered a very rare Muslim mosque built by the local Afghan traders.

In 1997 a new flood levee was constructed protecting a larger area of land and making the old levee which is to the west of the cemetery redundant. The levee is now used as a source of fill for various landscape works.

In 1966 as the old section became fully developed, and a new section was opened to the south in land which was dedicated as the Bourke Common. The associated car park outside the fence has been constructed in the road reservation of the Kidman Way and is not within the Cemetery Lands.

3.1 History of Mosque

Built circa 1910 – 1920 by the Perooze family behind the family home in 4 Hope Street Bourke. This small building was used by Muslim Afghan Traders as a place of worship for their Islamic Faith. The Afghan traders were immigrant camel drivers, or cameelers who

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came from the North West regions of India now known as Afghanistan and Pakistan. They were experts in the handling, training and breaking of camels and they set about establishing carrying companies throughout inland South Australia and New South Wales to carry goods to remote and arid areas.

The Muslim Afgans brought with them their religious practice of their Islamic faith, and were then called Mohommedan. About two years after the railway service was extended from Dubbo to Bourke in 1885, a camel carrying transport company was established just south of the railway at what is now the Bourke Showground area. As many as 2000 camels were stationed here as the property of the 'Bourke Carrying Company' under the the initial management of Abdul Wade.

For services, it is believed initially that a place of worship was set aside in a special room in the house of Bye Khan. Later this small mosque was constructed at the rear of Marbeen Perooze's house in Hope Street Bourke.

With the introduction of motorised transport in the 1920's, the age of Cameleers declined. In the 1960's the small mosque was again used, but this time for a radio station by a young Juna Perooze, the first Radio Station in Bourke.

The Mosque was moved to its present site in 1998 for safekeeping, to the Bourke Cemetery, when it was threatened by vandalism. The Perooze house was subsequently burnt down in 1999. It is oriented, as it was in Hope Street, towards 'Karaaba' in Mecca, Saudi Arabia . Extensive repairs were undertaken to the roof and verandah of the mosque in 2013.

Morbeen Perooze, after he retired as a cameleer, remained in Bourke till the end of his life, and died at the age of 88 in 1966. His grave, though unmarked, is in the Bourke Cemetery.

The following table highlights significant events in the cemetery and the town of Bourke.

Date	Significant Event: Cemetery	Significant Event: Bourke
1860		Town of Bourke surveyed
1861	First burial	
1862		Town of Bourke pegged out
1879	Cemetery dedicated	
1883	Plan: move cemetery to N Bourke	
1885		Railway arrived in Bourke
1890	Floods close cemetery	
1929	Town water supply provided replacing well.	
1955	Memorial gates added	
1966	New section opened	
1967	Council appointed from Trustees.	
1976		Presbyterian Church demolished
1978		Methodist Church demolished

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1986	Identified by National Trust	
1992		Railway closed
1997		New Bourke Levee constructed
1999	Identified in Bourke Heritage Study	
1998	Incorporated in Shire of Bourke LEP	
1998	Mosque moved to cemetery	
2006	Fred Hollows Sulpture installed	
2012	Included in LEP 2012, schedule 5.	
2014	Iron Columns added to entrance. Conservation Management Plan. commenced.	

4.0 DISCUSSION OF SIGNIFICANCE

4.1 Significance of Cemeteries, general.

Cemeteries are microcosms of the communities which developed them. They not only contain the human remains of the past members of those communities, but they reflect the religious beliefs, genealogical backgrounds, affluence, artistic themes and creative accomplishments of the people who made up those communities.

In their layout and plantings many cemeteries exhibit symbolisms relating to death mourning, grief and beliefs in everlasting life. Funerary monuments demonstrate the skills of the artisans who produce them, the social standing and beliefs of the departed and tastes of the period.

Inscriptions on headstones provide considerable biographical information about people, their occupations, their ethnicity and in some cases, the cause of their deaths

Historical significance of a cemetery may relate to the pre-contact occupation and European settlement of an area and patterns of immigration and maritime or overseas military actions, epidemics and other health matters, important events and individuals, natural disasters and tragedies such as drownings and struck by lightening accidents, and suicides.

Social significance of a cemetery may be derived from the esteem in which certain parts of it are held by the local community or by recognisable groups within the community. Examples include the graves of early pioneers or those killed in wars, or whole cemeteries which have been conserved by community action

Aesthetic significance of a cemetery may result from the quality of workmanship and artistic merit of the funerary monuments and structures within the place and on the landscape design and plantings.

Educational and Research significance of a cemetery may result on the opportunities the place provides for interpretation and further study for present and future generation.

Technological significance may be derived on the information a cemetery may provide about construction techniques, unusual or skills and types of expertise which are being lost

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as a result of social; changes or technical advances.

Cemeteries may also have specific religious significance or scientific value. Some contain burial plots devoted to the deceased members of particular religious orders such as the Jesuits or the Sisters of Mercy nuns. Some cemeteries support remnants of indigenous plant communities which have disappeared from surrounding areas because of clearing for agriculture /grazing or application of different management regimes.

4.2 Significance of Bourke Cemetery

Criteria (a) Historic.

The Cemetery is historically significant in its association with the establishment, development and prosperity of the town of Bourke in the late nineteenth century, and its continued development to today. It is a record of the community and individual events including ethnic migrations, epidemics and natural disasters.

Criteria (b) Association.

The cemetery is significant because of its association with local townspeople and their families and important businessman and figures in Bourke in the late nineteenth, century continuing to today.

Criteria (c) Aesthetic.

The cemetery is a particularly intact example of an ornate late nineteenth century cemetery and landscape, which in detail has aesthetic significance because of the quality of individual monuments and their arrangement within the landscape of the cemetery.

Criteria (d) Technical Research.

The cemetery offers the opportunity to research the lives of individuals, and funereal monuments and practices.

Criteria (e) Cultural association.

The cemetery has associations with religious, merchants, businessmen, and the development of the town of Bourke in the nineteenth century to today.

Criteria (f) Rarity assessment.

The cemetery is considered not rare in country towns of Western NSW

Criteria (g) Representative assessment.

The cemetery is considered representative of cemeteries established throughout NSW country towns in the late nineteenth century.

5.0 STATEMENT OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Bourke Cemetery is a typical nineteenth century rural cemetery, with historic significance relative to the development of the town of Bourke. It has aesthetic significance because of its landscape and monuments located in a prominent position at the southern entrance to the town of Bourke.

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6.0 CONSERVATION POLICY

6.1 Constraints, issues and opportunities

In order to retain the cultural significance of the place, a number of policies should be drafted which will guide future decisions and work on the place. Before these are formulated, the key constraints, issues and opportunities must be identified and considered.

6.2 Significance and the Burra Charter

The Bourke Cemetery has been identified as having local significance to the community of Bourke. Therefore any work or use proposed for the place needs to acknowledge and respond to this significance.

The Australia ICOMOS (The Burra Charter) (see Appendix A) provides principles and guidelines for any work that may be carried out at the place. Generally, all conservation work should be based on a respect for the existing fabric.

There is the opportunity to alter and add to the place and modernise facilities and services, provided this work respects and not detracts from the significance of the place.

6.3 Graded Zones of significance

The place contains landscapes of varying significance ranging from high to low. The landscapes are graded considering their cultural significance, their degree of being intact, their aesthetic qualities and their ability to demonstrate significance. The landscape graded 1 is considered of the highest significance. Those graded 3 are of lowest significance. The constraints, issues and opportunities associated with these significance rankings are as follows.

Landscape graded 1

This landscape is part of the Old section and is of high cultural significance and should be retained and maintained in its existing configuration. The landscape contains mature trees in good condition, groupings of the more elaborate monuments, the mosque, and the Fred Hollows grave. The landscape has high aesthetic qualities and sense of space as a nineteenth century cemetery.

The surviving original fabric and finishes should not, if possible, be obscured nor their significance diminished.

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Fig. 6. Graded landscapes of Significance

Landscapes graded 2

These landscapes are of medium cultural significance and should be retained and conserved. The landscape includes those sections of the Old Section with monuments of lesser scale and detail than grade 1, and are scattered so as not to present a cohesive composition. It also includes the less aesthetically significant graves of the New Section.

There is the opportunity to adapt these landscapes such as new tree planting with greater intervention than those grade 1, while retaining culturally significant fabric.

Landscape graded 3

These landscapes are of little cultural significance as their configuration and relation to the place has not been developed. The landscapes include the undeveloped section of the New Section, the undeveloped Plantation on the northern end and the periphery to the west including the former levee.

These landscapes may be retained or adapted substantially.

6.4 Heritage listings and statutory obligations

The Shire of Bourke has identified the Bourke Cemetery as a heritage item in the Bourke Local Environment Plan 2012. As a result of this listing, no demolition, alterations or development can be carried out without Council's consent. The impact of such works on the significance of the place must be assessed.

6.5 Physical Condition

The cemetery is considered to be in good condition but its presentation is subject to drought / flood conditions and the maintenance and budgetary resources of Council.

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7.0 POLICIES

7.1 GENERAL	
Policy 7.1.1 General Conservation	<p>Bourke Cemetery is prominently located, and has Local Significance.</p> <p>Bourke Cemetery should be conserved, retaining its landscape setting and details of its monumernts in accordance with this Conservation Management Plan, (CMP)</p>
Policy 7.1.2 Conservation Management Plan Review.	<p>The Conservation Management Plan is to be reviewed every five years, with the next review in 2019. A copy should be held at the Bourke Shire Council and a copy held by staff who are involved in the day to day administration and running of the cemetery.</p> <p>In the next review, the historical context and comparisons with other similar cemeteries in the Shire and the north west region of NSW are recommended to be made.</p>
Policy 7.1.3 Statutory Planning.	<p>Until time of writing this CMP, the Zoning Map of the Shire of Bourke LEP 2012 shows the cemetery zoned as RV1, Rural Primary Production.</p> <p>The cemetery is not shown on the Heritage Map as a heritage item.</p> <p>Show cemetery as shaded area on heritage map and number Item no 15.</p>
Policy 7.1.4 Record Administration.	<p>Currently the Shire is undertaking an electronic record of burials and graves, (Appendix A)</p> <p>Continue with work on this initiative, and link with interpretation brochures and signs.</p>
Policy 7.1.5 Signage.	<p>There is a mix of sign types with different fomats, naming and type faces.</p> <p>Rationalise signage including consistent name of: Bourke Cemetery</p>
Policy 7.1.6 Interpretation.	<p>Currently there is an interpretive panel at mosque and Fred Hollows Grave plus a free pamphlet available at Library and book for purchase titled 100 Lives of Bourke a cemetery interpretation book.</p> <p>Construct a new sign, similar to that at Fred Hollows Grave outlining plan of cemetery, historical information and reference to library data base of burials.</p>

7.2 LANDSCAPE	
Policy 7.2.1 Old Section Landscape Maintenance	<p>The landscape of the Old Section is dryland grass with mature native trees with minimal irrigation. This is the landscape which has existed since the cemetery was established in 1861.</p> <p>Continue with existing maintenance practices including limited watering.</p>
Policy 7.2.2 New Section Landscape Maintenance	<p>The landscape of the New Section is irrigated grass provided from a 100mm underground pipe. Turf is maintained with mower and whipper snipper on an as</p>

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	<p>need basis.</p> <p>Continue with existing irrigating practices and maintenance</p>
Policy 7.2.3	<p>Old Levee</p> <p>The levee built on the eastern side of the cemetery was replaced with another levee constructed further south of the cemetery, crossing the Kidman Way some 500 metres south and protecting a larger area of the town including the cemetery. Recently the levee has been used as a source of fill for various projects in the cemetery. The levee acts as a screen to the large scale industrial buildings to the east.</p> <p>It is recommended to stop removal of soil, and regrade levee to provide a designed screen and eastern boundary to the cemetery.</p>
Policy 7.2.4	<p>Weed Control</p> <p>Weed growth is particularly vigorous after heavy rains, and is quickly controlled by poisoning and slashing on as need basis.</p> <p>Continue with current practice.</p>
Policy 7.2.5	<p>Rabbit Control</p> <p>Rabbits are a constant problem in the cemetery, burrowing under some graves and monuments causing them to be out of alignment, cracking and possibly falling and breaking.</p> <p>As the cemetery is part of a larger landscape and there is no rabbit proof fence to the site it is extremely difficult to completely eliminate the pest from the cemetery.</p> <p>It is recommended to monitor new burrows, poison and backfill.</p>
Policy 7.2.6	<p>Vehicular Control</p> <p>Vehicles can access all of the cemetery around tracks, including amongst the graves and monuments. This activity contributes to erosion, and possible damage to monuments.</p> <p>It is recommended to create carpark off entry, in New Section, eliminating car access to Old Section completely and encouraging pedestrian movement through trails.</p>
Policy 7.2.7	<p>Mature trees</p> <p>Most of the trees in the cemetery are Eucalyptus coolabah of heights up to 6m. Many have branches which are considered dangerous to the monuments, from falling, particularly the dead branches.</p> <p>Monitor trees for dangerous branches and remove as quickly as possible.</p>
Policy 7.2.8	<p>Saplings</p> <p>There are many tree saplings growing near monuments and graves or in graves, cracking and uplifting slabs.</p> <p>Monitor saplings and completely remove without damaging monuments.</p>
Policy 7.2.9	<p>New trees.</p> <p>There is the opportunity to plant new trees around the cemetery to provide visual amenity, replacement, and shade.</p> <p>Position of trees should avoid possible burial locations, and species particularly in Old Section restricted to Eucalyptus coolabah.</p>
Policy 7.2.10	<p>Plantation</p>

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	The northern portion of the cemetery was designated as Plantation on the ... Map. There are only a small number of trees on this land at present. It is understood that there are some burials in this section.
	It is recommended to investigate the possibility of burial sites using X-ray technology and plant a copse of native trees on this section to add to the landscape amenity of the cemetery.

7.3 STRUCTURES

Policy 7.3.1 Entrance Gates

	The entrance gates are wire mesh gates as part of the fence system. Recent upgrade works have included the addition of cast iron columns from the old Bourke railway station.
	Prepare a comprehensive landscape plan for entrance which might include an upgrade of gates and sign. See Appendix: Schedule of Possible Works

Policy 7.3.2 1955 Memorial Gates

	The gates consist of four brick piers with painted mild steel vehicular and pedestrian gates, built circa 1995. Initially it was built as an upgrade to the main entry to the cemetery. With the construction of the new entry and carpark to the south it was removed from use. There is no longer vehicular access, but motorists stop nearby and walk into cemetery from this point.
	Maintain the gates by repairing brickwork, painting steel gates and rationalising signs. See Appendix A: Schedule of Possible Works

Policy 7.3.3 Mosque

	The mosque presents as a basic structure missing windows, doors, gutters and has not been painted inside or out for a long period. Internal access is prevented by simple mesh over the openings.
	It is recommended that a programme of conservation be undertaken for the mosque. See Appendix A: Schedule of Possible Works

Policy 7.3.4 Old well

	The well is understood to be near the old entrance gates and was filled in the 1950s.
	In long term investigate location and interpretation.

7.4 MONUMENTS

Policy 7.4.1 General

	The soil of the cemetery is highly re-active black soil which moves considerably with wet and dry seasons.
	Do as much as necessary and as little as possible. an important Conservation principle.

Policy 7.4.2 Cast Iron grave surrounds

	Many cast iron surrounds and fences have moved or broken, all have rusted.
	All cast iron grave panel surrounds are to be straightened and levelled, using the

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	original means of attachment to each other. Surrounds are to be regularly checked and required ground adjustments made. Keep rusted finish, and do not attempt to paint.
Policy 7.4.3 Cast Iron Stelae	
	There is a small number of significant cast iron stellae, which have rusted. Keep rusted finish, and do not attempt to paint.
Policy 7.4.4 Marble Stelae and monuments	
	Much of marble was imported from Italy. With time it has lost its shine and some have cracked or broken. Larger monuments have developed a lean. Don't overclean as this is part of their ageing character. Gather broken pieces near where they have fallen. Monitor leans, don't attempt to rectify all leaning monuments.
Policy 7.4.5 Sandstone Stelae and Monuments	
	Most Sandstone is from Sydney Basin, and is soft. Durability is variable. Little can be done to repair monuments that have eroded due to natural weathering.
Policy 7.4.6 Fred Hollows Monument	
	The monument is the most significant in design, location and landscape in Cemetery Conserve dryland landscape setting
Policy 7.4.7 Adoption and Implementation	
	Report this CMP to Council for adoption. With any amendments from Council inform all Council staff involved in administration and administration of the plan for administration.

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APPENDIX A: SCHEDULE OF POSSIBLE WORKS

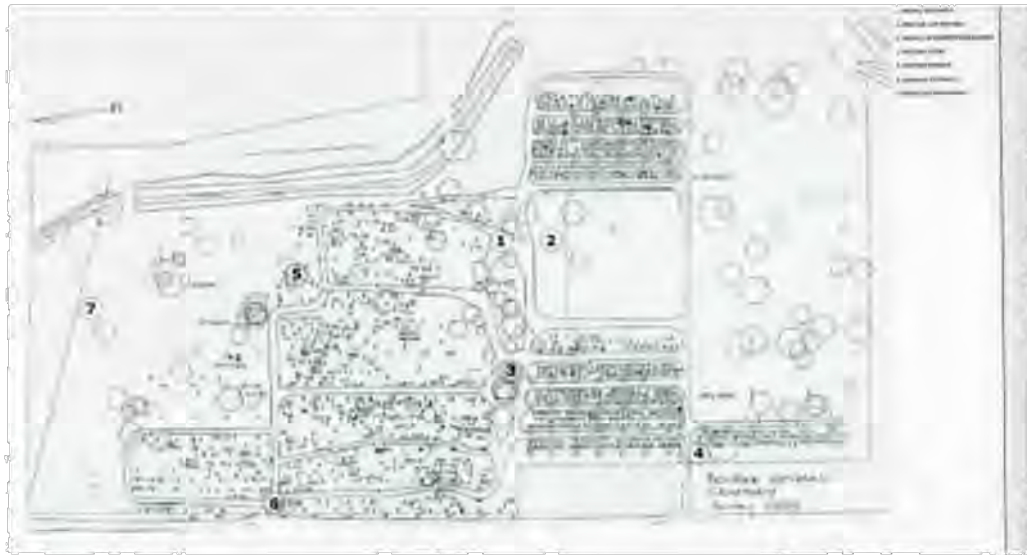


Fig. 7. Location of Possible works

<p>1. Install bollards</p> <p>Install bollards between Old and New sections to prevent vehicles driving in and around Old Section graves, and encourage pedestrian access throughout cemetery..</p>	
<p>2. Provide car park</p> <p>Provide parking within cemetery to give easy pedestrian access to Interpretation Board, Old Section and Fred Hollows Grave.</p>	



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<p>3. Install interpretive board.</p> <p>Construct a similar structure with information on history of cemetery and burial details linked to data sheets in library. Design to be same as Fred Hollows sign.</p>	 <p>Photo 12. Possible sign for interpretation.</p>
<p>4. Restore gates</p> <p>Remove sign Paint steelwork same green colour. Repair brickwork Rationalise signs on fence.</p>	 <p>Photo 13. 1955 Memorial Gates</p>
<p>5. Restore Mosque</p> <p>Works could include replacing mesh over window with steel bars that suggest a window but prevent access into building. Painting of selective elements</p>	

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	 <p>Photo 14. Re-detail Mosque window</p>
<p>6. Upgrade Entrance</p> <p>Works could include new standard steel pallisade industrial gates large cemetery sign on fence. Planting of trees</p>	 <p>Photo 15. Cemetery Gates</p>
<p>7. Establish Plantation</p> <p>Consider a formal planting of native trees in this section as was originally planned subject to verification of burials.</p>	

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APPENDIX B: CEMETERY RECORDS

The Shire of Bourke is preparing a record of all burials in the Cemetery by establishing an electronic data base of burials. The work is being carried out through the Bourke Library principally by Cathy Simpson, library assistant, and was commenced in 2008.

All records of burials were kept in the Bourke Courthouse, as hand written entries. In 2012 the records were transferred to Archives in Sydney. The records were photocopied before leaving Bourke and form the basis for the database.

From this information a data base is being prepared compared with site inspections of gravesites to correlate written record with physical evidence. It is estimated that in the Old Section there are 15,948 known gravesites, and 5,240 unknown gravesites.

A photo has been taken of each gravesite, and a map prepared with number reference.

The purpose of the recording is to enable researchers and public to gather information for research and as a historical record

Examples of each type of sheet is attached.

- (i) Part Plan of cemetery with numbered burial sites.
- (ii) Part Data base with numbers referencing plan.
- (iii) Typical Photos of each grave

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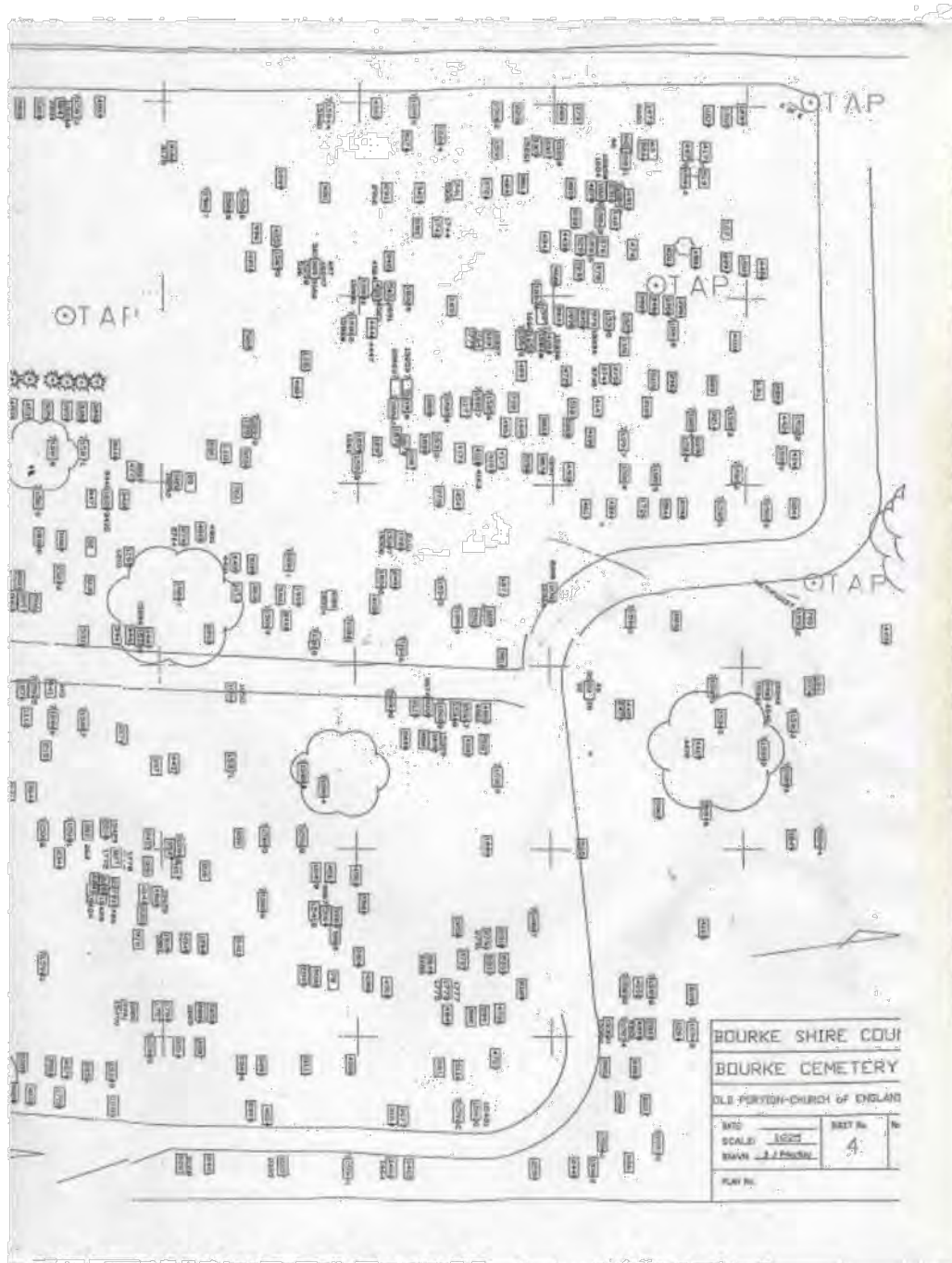


Fig. 8. Part Plan of Cemetery with numbered burial sites

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Grave NO.	Cemetery	Surname	Christian Names	Sex	Age	Date of Death	Section	New/Old	E	N	
11	Bourke	Adjoin		M	66	05/01/1852	MUSLIM	Old	99.3	178.0	
13	Bourke	Adolph	John	M	52	05/05/1877	R/C	Old	58.8	77.5	
31	31	Bourke	Amourous	Frank	M	47	01/07/1860	R/C	Old	5.9	85.3
33	33	Bourke	Ada Mary	F	baby	25/02/1856	WES	Old	141.7	124.1	
35	35	Bourke	Anderson	Liah C	F	9 mths	24/04/1855	WES	Old	141.7	124.1
38	38	Bourke	Anderson	Caris Harriet	F	16	21/05/1851	WES	Old	141.7	124.1
46	46	Bourke	Anderson	Eric Ernest	M	7 mths	11/03/1911	WES	Old	141.7	124.1
52	52	Bourke	Anderson	Lewence L	M	10 days	07/07/1912	WES	Old	141.7	124.1
60	60	Bourke	Andrews	Richard Edwin	M	2	15/08/1931	C/E	Old	83.1	127.5
63	63	Bourke	Andrews	John	M	66	09/03/1933	C/E	Old	83.7	130.2
66	66	Bourke	Andrews	Christina Mary	F	66	07/04/1948	PRES	Old	24.7	159.8
68	68	Bourke	Andrews	George William	M	1 yr 4 mths	04/01/1934	C/E	Old	83.1	127.5
78	78	Bourke	Artlett	Philip Brooks	M	55	07/08/1857	C/E	Old	173.1	97.5
82	82	Bourke	Armitage	George Roloff	M	25	11/09/1877	C/E	Old	126.2	72.7
83	83	Bourke	Armstrong	James	M	29	30/01/1872	C/E	Old	119.0	82.9
88	88	Bourke	Armstrong	John Walter	M	66	15/07/1929	PRES	Old	29.2	161.6
107	107	Bourke	Ash	James Williams	M	57	01/08/1941	C/E	Old	91.8	137.9
115	115	Bourke	Aubry	Emily	F	2 days	29/05/1886	C/E	Old	104.2	127.4
131	131	Bourke	Baker	Walter	M	47	12/02/1933	C/E	Old	108.7	141.3
141	141	Bourke	Bambrick	Nelson John	M	67	21/03/1956	C/E	Old	187.1	21.3
166	166	Bourke	Barlowe	Thomas Hilton	M	39 mths	13/02/1891	R/C	Old	85.4	89.3
168	168	Bourke	Barlowe	Mary Louisa	F	15 mths	10/05/1891	R/C	Old	95.4	89.3
171	171	Bourke	Barnett	Francis	F	1	30/10/1901	R/C	Old	42.7	115.4
175	175	Bourke	Barnett	Agnes	F	56	14/05/1900	PRES	Old	30.0	188.7
180	180	Bourke	Barnett	Robert James	M	17 days	19/03/1925	WES	Old	140.9	147.9
183	183	Bourke	Barron	Michael Joseph	M	40	19/12/1916	R/C	Old	51.4	36.5
188	188	Bourke	Barrow	Eliza R	F	61	27/04/1914	R/C	Old	98.5	70.4
187	187	Bourke	Barry	Joseph Francis	M	61	26/04/1961	R/C	Old	1.8	148.8
203	203	Bourke	Barton	Russel Hilton	M	74	27/08/1968	PRES	Old	46.4	164.4
206	206	Bourke	Barton	Toby Alexander	M	74	20/01/1934	C/E	Old	161.3	84.4
214	214	Bourke	Barton	Alan Wilelad	M	71	04/10/1944	PRES	Old	46.4	166.1
215	215	Bourke	Barton	Alison Willemena	F	60	03/12/1963	PRES	Old	48.5	187.8
255	255	Bourke	Bell	James	M	11	26/09/1885	C/E	Old	50.6	46.6
256	256	Bourke	Bell	Cecil Bourke	M	9 mths	25/09/1884	C/E	Old	61.7	106.9
260	260	Bourke	Bell	Ethan	F	77	19/05/1936	C/E	Old	157.2	72.8
261	261	Bourke	Bell	William	M	61	18/11/1902	R/C	Old	81.7	106.9
262	262	Bourke	Bell	Uretta Beatrice	F	6	15/05/1893	C/E	Old	61.7	107.9
263	263	Bourke	Bell	Robert	M	87	11/11/1938	C/E	Old	157.2	72.8
283	283	Bourke	Beplate	Adz	F	66	13/07/1935	C/E	Old	79.9	120.8
284	284	Bourke	Bens	Unnamed	F	5/8	17/02/1854	R/C	Old	11.1	30.1
302	302	Bourke	Black	Christine Martha	F	11 mths	13/01/1953	R/C	Old	4.6	36.2
307	307	Bourke	Blackier	Nancy Elizabeth	F	1 yr 7 mths	01/10/1930	C/E	Old	150.0	79.6
326	326	Bourke	Bloxham	Arthur	M	40	22/12/1866	C/E	Old	160.8	78.6
327	327	Bourke	Bloxham	Rupert Matthew	M	48	17/07/1949	R/C	Old	5.4	107.4
329	329	Bourke	Bloxham	Edward John	M	72	09/10/1893	C/E	Old	160.8	78.6
337	337	Bourke	Bock	Johan Henrick	M	63	28/12/1897	C/E	Old	35.8	196.0
343	343	Bourke	Bock	Clara Maude	F	64	24/05/1962	PRES	Old	39.0	197.5
345	345	Bourke	Bock	Ludwick	M	64	01/10/1854	PRES	Old	39.4	197.9
361	361	Bourke	Bonsor	Lila Blanche	F	47	25/07/1948	C/E	Old	162.2	106.4
371	371	Bourke	Booth	James	M	71	10/12/1862	PRES	Old	30.0	180.6
375	375	Bourke	Bourke	Phillip	M	74	29/05/1939	C/E	Old	93.8	125.1
378	378	Bourke	Bourke	Emily	F	64	21/02/1964	C/E	Old	96.5	124.6
380	380	Bourke	Bourke	Max Gerard John	M	2	14/11/1937	R/C	Old	56.7	29.7
395	395	Bourke	Bowen	Alice Clarkson	F	67	27/11/1927	R/C	Old	12.5	89.9
410	410	Bourke	Boyd	Alfred Ernest	M	62	19/05/1906	R/C	Old	61.9	144.0
413	413	Bourke	Boyd	Eva Mary	F	66	08/05/1887	R/C	Old	61.9	144.0
418	418	Bourke	Brady	Lydia	F	30	19/02/1894	R/C	Old	18.7	85.0
423	423	Bourke	Braunstein	Leon	M	84	29/12/1917	JEWISH	Old	20.4	166.5
425	425	Bourke	Bredan	Robert Octavio	M	4 days	03/10/1894	C/E	Old	152.9	63.2
428	428	Bourke	Brennan	Richard	M	31	24/11/1896	R/C	Old	57.1	84.5
432	432	Bourke	Brennan	Bertha Jane	F	32	16/04/1929	PRES	Old	44.4	229.9
462	462	Bourke	Briety	Charles	M	2	12/03/1936	R/C	Old	46.7	142.5
464	464	Bourke	Bergin	M Bridgid (Julia)	F	32	22/02/1912	R/C	Old	51.4	31.1
460	460	Bourke	Brookman	Bert	M	43	30/06/1893	R/C	Old	30.9	161.3
462	462	Bourke	Brookman	William	M	62	29/09/1894	R/C	Old	41.1	7.1
477	477	Bourke	Brown	James	M	69	24/05/1948	PRES	Old	14.6	234.1
483	483	Bourke	Brown	Walter Charles	M	77	23/04/1926	PRES	Old	32.3	151.3
486	486	Bourke	Brown	Jane	F	77	23/04/1926	PRES	Old	14.0	236.7
487	487	Bourke	Brown	Ida Mary	F	33	22/08/1921	C/E	Old	96.3	95.5
481	481	Bourke	Brown	Francis Humphre	M	51	20/01/1933	PRES	Old	31.4	163.0
492	492	Bourke	Brown	Samuel	M	58	20/01/1892	R/C	Old	24.8	39.8
493	493	Bourke	Brown	Frederick Alexander	M	70	19/11/1943	PRES	Old	14.1	235.1
496	496	Bourke	Brown	William Jonathan	M	86	18/01/1900	R/C	Old	21.4	134.6
487	487	Bourke	Brown	Francis Fredrick	M	34	17/07/1924	C/E	Old	83.7	133.9
501	501	Bourke	Brown	James	M	71	14/12/1912	PRES	Old	14.4	232.7
508	508	Bourke	Brown	William Stanley	M	5	11/07/1891	C/E	Old	31.5	202.6
513	513	Bourke	Brown	Albert Henry	M	70	09/10/1970	PRES	Old	36.4	198.9
519	519	Bourke	Browne	Ernest Latimer Nic	M	37	21/04/1925	C/E	Old	86.5	135.6
523	523	Bourke	Bryant	John	M	83	05/07/1834	C/E	Old	129.6	113.4
525	525	Bourke	Buckley	Sarah	F	47	31/05/1906	C/E	Old	96.3	96.5

Figure 9. Part data base with numbers referencing plan

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Figure. 10. Typical photographs of each grave.

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Bourke General Cemetery

Item details

Name of item: Bourke General Cemetery
Other name/s: Cemetery, Monument/Cemetery
Type of item: Archaeological-Terrestrial
Group/Collection: Cemeteries and Burial Sites
Category: Cemetery/Graveyard/Burial Ground
Primary address: Gorrell Avenue, Bourke, NSW 2850
Parish: East Bourke
County: Cowper
Local govt. area: Bourke

All addresses

Street Address	Suburb/town	LGA	Parish	County	Type
Gorrell Avenue	Bourke	Bourke	East Bourke	Cowper	Primary Address

Statement of significance:

Bourke General Cemetery displays an outstanding, diverse range of monument types including many of which are of exceptional quality. The work of masons from all around the northern New South Wales is represented. The quality of craftsmanship and size of many memorials is surprising in view of the relative isolation of the community during the late Nineteenth and early Twentieth Century. Monuments include a relatively large range of iron examples. As a social document, the cemetery is a comprehensive part of Bourke's entire history. Much of the Cobb & Co history is in this cemetery with the likes of T.A. Mathews founder of Louth & Charles Mathews driver of Cobb & Co. Sidney Charles, groom for Cobb & Co, horsebreaker, coachdriver and overseer for coaches. Mr Billy Armstrong, famous Cobb & Co driver, employees of Cobb & Co factory, Mrs Huddy, Ben Hall's sister and Sir. Constable John McCabe. Famous ophthalmologist Fred Hollows is another notable inclusion. There is an Afghan section and Chinese section also.

Date significance updated: 31 Jan 00

Note: There are incomplete details for a number of items listed in NSW. The Heritage Branch intends to develop or upgrade statements of significance and other information for these items as resources become available.

Description

Construction years: 1862-

Physical description: Approximate number of graves/burial sites 5,790 (1999). The cemetery was surveyed in 1998. Approximately 6ha on the eastern side of Gorrell Avenue, 1 km south of Bourke. Among the vast array of the monumental masons' art is a wide variety of white marble stelae with a range of incised designs, many children's graves, marked by short stelae and lambs or small angels. Some children's graves are marked with iron cots. Several graves in the older (northern) section of the cemetery retain intact metal decorations. Some of which include zinc leaves with their colouring intact. Also of interest is the wide variety of iron surrounds, particularly the range of wrought iron surrounds. The north-eastern section of the cemetery features a number of contemporary monuments marked

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by galvanised pipe surrounds and crosses. To the south, the newer section of the cemetery features predominantly horizontal slab and desk monuments in grey terrazzo or black granite with concrete surrounds, some with titles, in addition to a large number of simple metal columns. Burials date from the 1860's (earliest: Henry Senfort Sly 29/10/1861) until the present. The cemetery contains a large number of noteworthy graves which include: A separate fenced Mohammedan area containing the monuments on graves of four Afghan camel drivers. The most imposing of the monuments is to Zeriph Khan (Afghan) born Afghanistan 1871 died 3rd March 1903 aged 32 years. This grave is marked by a 2.5m high marble stele with incised ivy motif. This and three other Afghan graves, unlike the rest of the graves in the cemetery, face Mecca being south/north in aspect. Perhaps the most interesting is the grave of local identity Bye Khan, died 9/6/1947 aged 107 years. Of some social interest are graves of two Policemen: IN MEMORY OF GEORGE ROBERT ARMITAGE, A CONSTABLE OF THE NSW POLICE WHO WAS SHOT DEAD AT BOURKE. ON THE 11TH SEPTEMBER 1867 ERECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. another: IN MEMORY OF JOHN McCABE CONSTABLE NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE WHO DIED ON THE 1ST NOVEMBER 1858 FROM THE EFFECTS OF WOUNDS RECEIVED WHILST COURAGEOUSLY PERFORMING HIS DUTY ENDEAVOURING TO APPREHEND AN ARMED BUSHRANGER. The most dramatic monument in the cemetery is a 4m white marble sculpture of a maiden with rustic cross, pedestal decorated with floral motif in high relief and upturned torches set on the grave of John Green (29/7/1888). Nearby are several large white angels, one 4m high with trumpet to Cora Faith (5/6/1901). In the centre of the cemetery are 15 nuns' graves, in a row, each of which is marked by a concrete desk with white marble tablet and concrete surround, covering a period from 1907 to 1959. The Morral family grave (1914 and 1934) is a terrazzo gothic arch with one metre high plaster statue of Jesus and Cross surmount. Masons include - Taylor and Son (1890s), F Arnold, Sydney (1900-19010's), Walker, Bourke (1880's), Andrew Bros. Sydney (1890s), C. J. Shakespeare, Wellington (1910s), Fraser of Dubbo (1870s & 1920's), W. Larcombe: of Dubbo (1910s to 1930s), W. J. Dixon of Sydney, R Laycock (1870's), Hanson and Company (1880s), Doyle and Dukes of Waverley Sydney (1920s). Just past the southern boundary, a new edition of a pet cemetery is proving very popular.

Physical condition and/or Archaeological potential: Well maintained and fully surveyed.
 Date condition updated: 24 Jan 00

Current use: Public Cemetery
Former use: Public Cemetery

History

Historical notes: The Bourke General Cemetery occupies a large site (approx 8ha) along the eastern side of Gorrell Ave (the road to Cobar) approx 1 km south of Bourke town. Two sets of brick piloned gates were built in 1953 and the northern set of brick gates was erected in memory of Stewart T. Hales, 1953. The earliest burial records may be Henry Senfort Sly, a child of 11 months 8 days buried 21/10/1861 and son of Bourke's first settler William Sly. Professor Fred Hollows, who was buried here in 1993, was an Australian of the Year, and winner of a Human Rights Award. Fred had begun his work on cataract blindness in Aboriginal people in Bourke. Since 1996 the Bourke Mosque was re located here. The mosque is a very early and rare moslem mosque built by the Afghan traders. A register of early burials at Bourke shows the following: 1862 - 12 deaths, 1863 - 16 deaths, 1864 - 18 deaths, 1865 - 38 deaths, 1866 - 47 deaths, 1867 - 44 deaths, 1868 - 44 deaths, 1869 - 26 deaths, 1870 - 45 deaths, 1871 - 22 deaths, 1872 - 26 deaths,

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service was extended from Dubbo to Bourke in 1885, a camel carrying transport company was established just south of the railway at what is now the Bourke Showground area. As many as 2000 camels were stationed here as the property of 'The Bourke Carrying Company' under the initial management of Abdul Wade. From the railway, goods were transported by camel trains which usually consisted of between 20 and 30 camels, and 2 or 3 cameleers. And occasionally many more. Camels were also used to carry the mail. In 1886 they were used by Cobb & Co to carry the mail and passengers between Wilcannia and the Mount Brown goldfield which was then a very arid region. Again during the 1901-1902 drought the Bourke Hungerford mail passenger service used three camels to pull the standard Cobb & Co coach, but with slightly wider wheels to assist travel over sandy country. The Muslim Afghans brought with them their religious practice of their Islamic faith, and were then called Mohammedan. For services, it is believed initially that a place of worship was set aside in a special room in the house of Bys Khan. Later this small Mosque was constructed at the rear of Marbeen Perooze's house in Hope Street, Bourke. The Mosque was moved to its present site in 1998 for safekeeping, to the Bourke cemetery, when it was threatened by vandalism. The Perooze house was subsequently burnt down in 1999. It is oriented, as it was in Hope Street, towards 'Kaaba' in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. Marbeen Perooze, after he retired as a cameleer, remained in Bourke till the end of his life, and died at the age of 88 in 1966. His grave, though unmarked, is in the Bourke cemetery. With the introduction of motorized transport in the 1920's, the age of Cameleers declined. In the 1960's the small mosque was again used, but this time for a radio station by a young Juma Perooze, the first Radio Station in Bourke.

Historic themes

Australian theme (abbrev)	New South Wales theme	Local theme
2 Peopling-Peopling the continent	Ethnic influences-Activities associated with common cultural traditions and peoples of shared descent, and with exchanges between such traditions and peoples.	(none)
8 Culture-Developing cultural institutions and ways of life	Creative endeavour-Activities associated with the production and performance of literary, artistic, architectural and other imaginative, interpretive or inventive works; and/or associated with the production and expression of cultural phenomena, and/or environments that have inspired such creative activities.	(none)
8 Culture-Developing cultural institutions and ways of life	Religion-Activities associated with particular systems of faith and worship.	(none)
9 Phases of Life-Making the phases of life	Birth and Death-Activities associated with the initial stages of human life and the bearing of children, and with the final stages of human life and disposal of the dead.	(none)
9 Phases of Life-Making the phases of life	Persons-Activities of, and associations with, identifiable individuals, families and communal groups.	(none)

Assessment of significance

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Assessment criteria: Items are assessed against the [State Heritage Register \(SHR\) Criteria](#) to determine the level of significance. Refer to the Listings below for the level of statutory protection.

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Heritage study	Mosque	1220005	01 Jun 99		

Study details

Title	Year	Number	Author	Inspected by	Guidelines used
Bourke Heritage Inventory Study	1999	006/1220005	Prof Ian Jack and Arch. B. Hickson	B. Hickson	Yes

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Type	Author	Year	Title	Internet Links
Management Plan	Alan Barton		The Alan Barton collection	
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APPENDIX D: BURRA CHARTER

THE AUSTRALIA ICOMOS CHARTER FOR THE CONSERVATION OF PLACES OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (The Burra Charter)

Preamble
 Having regard to the International Charter for the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites (Venice 1964) and the Resolutions of 5th General Assembly of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) (Moscow 1978), the following Charter was adopted by Australia ICOMOS on 19th August 1979 at Burra. Revisions were adopted on 23rd February 1981 and on 23 April 1985.

Explanatory Notes
 These notes do not form part of the Charter and may be added to by Australia ICOMOS.

Definitions

Article 1. For the purpose of this Charter:

1.1 Place means site, area, building or other work, group of buildings or other works together with associated contents and surroundings.

1.2 Cultural significance means aesthetic, historic, scientific or social value for past, present or future generations.

1.3 Fabric means all the physical material of the place.

1.4 Conservation means all the processes of looking after a place as to retain its cultural significance. It includes maintenance and may, according to circumstance, include preservation, restoration, reconstruction and adaptation and will be commonly a combination of more than one of these.

1.5 Maintenance means the continuous protective care of the fabric, contents and setting of a place, and is to be distinguished from repair. Repair involves restoration or reconstruction and is should be treated accordingly.

1.6 Preservation means maintaining the fabric of a place in its existing state and remedying deterioration.

1.7 Restoration means returning the EXISTING fabric of a place to a known earlier state by removing accretions or by reassembling existing components without the introduction of new material.

1.8 Reconstruction means returning a place as nearly as possible to a known earlier state and is distinguished by the introduction of materials (new or old) into the fabric. This is not to be confused with either re-creation or conjectural reconstruction which are outside the scope of this Charter.

1.9 Adaptation means modifying a place to suit proposed compatible uses.

1.10 Compatible use means a use which involves or changes to the culturally significant fabric, changes which are substantially reversible or changes which require a minimal impact.

Article 1.1
 Place includes structures, ruins, archaeological sites and landscapes modified by human activity.

Article 1.1a
 The documents referred to in Article 1.1, for example in relation to cool gutters, are:
 maintenance — regular inspection and cleaning of gutters
 repair involving restoration — cleaning of damaged gutters to their place
 repair involving reconstruction — replacing damaged gutters.

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Conservation Principles

Article 1. The aim of conservation is to retain the cultural significance of a place and must include provision for its security, its maintenance and its future.

Article 3. Conservation is based on a respect for the existing fabric and should involve the least possible physical intervention. It should not distort the evidence provided by the fabric.

Article 4. Conservation should make use of all the disciplines which can contribute to its study and safeguarding of a place. Techniques employed should be traditional but in some circumstances they may be modern ones for which a firm scientific basis exists and which have been supported by a body of experience.

Article 5. Conservation of a place should take into consideration all aspects of its cultural significance without unwarranted emphasis on any one aspect at the expense of others.

Article 6. The conservation policy appropriate to a place must first be determined by an understanding of its cultural significance.

Article 7. The conservation policy will determine which uses are compatible.

Article 8. Conservation requires the maintenance of an appropriate visual setting, e.g. form, scale, colour, texture and materials. No new construction, demolition or modification which would adversely affect the setting should be allowed. Environmental intrusions which adversely affect appreciation or enjoyment of the place should be excluded.

Article 9. A building or work should remain in its historical location. The moving of all or part of a building or work is unacceptable unless this is the sole means of ensuring its survival.

Article 10. The removal of contents which form part of the cultural significance of the place is unacceptable unless it is the sole means of ensuring their security and preservation. Such content must be retained should changed circumstances make this practicable.

Article 2. Conservation should not be undertaken unless adequate resources are available to ensure that the fabric is not left in a vulnerable state and that the cultural significance of the place is not impaired. However, it must be emphasized that the best conservation often involves the least work and can be inexpensive.

Article 3. The traces of additions, alterations and earlier treatments on the fabric of a place are evidence of its history and uses. Conservation action should tend to retain rather than to impede their interpretation.

Article 6. An understanding of the cultural significance of a place is essential to its proper conservation. This should be achieved by means of a thorough investigation resulting in a report embodying a statement of cultural significance. The formal adoption of a statement of cultural significance is an essential prerequisite to the preparation of a conservation policy.

Article 7. Consistency of the use of a place in a particular way may be significant and therefore desirable.

Article 8. New construction work, including infill and additions, may be acceptable, provided:

- it does not reduce or obscure the cultural significance of the place;
- it is in keeping with Article 8.

Article 9. Some structures were designed to be readily removable or already have a history of previous moves, e.g. prefabricated dwellings and poppethuts. Provided such a structure does not have a strong association with its present site, its removal may be considered. If any structure is moved, it should be moved to an appropriate setting and given an appropriate use. Such action should not be to the detriment of any place of cultural significance.

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Conservation Processes

Preservation

Article 11. Preservation is appropriate where the existing state of the fabric itself constitutes evidence of specific cultural significance or where insufficient evidence is available to allow other conservation processes to be carried out.

Article 11. Preservation protects fabric without obscuring the evidence of its construction and use.

The process should always be applied:

where the evidence of the fabric is of such significance that it must not be altered. This is an unusual case and likely to be appropriate for archaeological remains of national importance.

where insufficient investigations have been carried out to permit conservation policy decisions to be taken in accord with Articles 23 to 25.

New construction may be carried out in association with preservation when its purpose is the physical protection of the fabric, and when it is consistent with Article 5.

Article 12. Preservation is limited to the protection, maintenance and, where necessary, the stabilisation of the existing fabric but without the distortion of its cultural significance.

Article 12. Stabilisation is a process which helps keep fabric intact and in a fixed position. When carried out as a part of preservation work it does not introduce new materials into the fabric. However, when necessary for the survival of the fabric, stabilisation may be effected as part of a reconstruction process and new materials introduced. For example, grouting or the insertion of a reinforcing rod in a masonry wall.

Restoration

Article 13. Restoration is appropriate only if there is sufficient evidence of an earlier state of the fabric and only if returning the fabric to that state reveals the cultural significance of the place.

Article 13. See explanatory note for Article 1.

Article 14. Restoration should reveal new culturally significant aspects of the place. It is based on research for all the physical, documentary and other evidence and stops at the point where conjecture begins.

Article 15. Restoration is limited to the reassembling of displaced components or removal of accretions, in accordance with Article 16.

Article 16. The contributions of all periods to the place must be respected. If a place includes the fabric of different periods, revealing the fabric of one period at the expense of another can only be justified when what is removed is of slight cultural significance and the fabric which is to be revealed is of much greater cultural significance.

Reconstruction

Article 17. Reconstruction is appropriate only where a place is incomplete through damage or alteration and where it is necessary for its survival, or where it reveals the cultural significance of the place as a whole.

Article 18. Reconstruction is limited to the completion of a depleted entry and should not constitute the majority of the fabric of a place.

Article 19. Reconstruction is limited to the reproduction of fabric, the form of which is known from physical and/or documentary evidence. It should be identifiable as close inspection as being new work.

14 GENERAL MANAGER**14.1 *** WESTERN HERALD ADVERTISING PROPOSAL**

File Number: A4.1-A4.3
Author: Mark Riley, General Manager
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

For numerous years, Council has advertised both its statutory and operational requirements locally in Bourke's Western Herald newspaper. In addition, the newspaper has run a General Manager's column which allows Council the opportunity to advise the community of matters of interest as they relate to Council.

Over the past four (4) years, Council has expended (exc. GST) the following amounts on advertising with the Herald:

2017-2018	\$32,820.16
2018-2019	\$20,516.40
2019-2020	\$37,231.00
2020-2021 (to date)	\$41,406.00

This equates to an average annual expenditure of \$32,993.00.

Current Situation

Councils Manager Corporate Services, Ms Leonie Brown, and I held discussions with the Western Herald's Sales Manager, Mr David Sharp with a view to entering into an all-encompassing flat fee advertising agreement between the Western Herald and Council.

On the basis of an annual payment by Council of \$36,000 (plus GST), payable by monthly instalments of \$3000 (plus GST), the proposal is as follows:

- *“Two (2) pages in each edition (one page for the General Managers column and any Council ads in remaining space, plus Council ads on the second page).*
- *The convenience of one (1) payment (and one (1) purchase order) for the entire fiscal year. No need to chase down or issue a PO for every ad submitted to TWH.*
- *Previously, tourism has been a separate buy but if you accept this package, however, we will include tourism ads (for example, the Easter Festival, Christmas markets, or any other activity under the direction of the Tourism Officer) as part of the package).*
- *Council already receives a discounted rate for ads placed in TWH; accepting the package locks-in your rate, even if we must raise rates over the next 12 months.*
- *Even with the current Council discount, one-quarter page ads cost \$250+GST each. Four of these ads in each edition, over 48 editions, would cost council \$48K+GST, so this package offers a significant savings and gives Council the flexibility to run larger ads if needed. (Currently, most Council ads are one-eighth page and have a discounted rate of \$150+GST*

each; if Council had 8x one-eighth page ads in each issue this would be \$1,200+GST per issue, or over \$57K for 48 issues).

- *This package gives Council the flexibility to run different size ads.*
- *If you do not have enough ads to fill a second page for any edition, we can design a page which promotes Council services.”*

In discussing the matter with Mr Sharp, the only additional costs to Council would be when Council engages the Western Herald to print and then insert a loose leaf document into the paper to allow distribution and where Council request stationary items to be printed. There may be instances where Council doesn't fill the two (2) pages but other weeks where Council may require additional space. Mr Sharp advised of a “give and take” approach by the Paper.

Both the Manager Corporate Services and I consider the proposal to be a good one for Council in terms of cost, efficiencies in ordering and in communicating with Bourke and the wider community. On the assumption that Council concurs with this proposal, Council will have two (2) dedicated pages to run not only the GM's Column, which accounts for approximately 1,400 words each week, but also its statutory advertisements and also its promotional advertisements.

Financial Implications

Funds are available in Councils Draft 2021/2022 Operational Plan for this advertising proposal.

Recommendation

That Council proceed to enter into an advertising agreement with the Western Herald effective 1 July 2021 for a 12-month flat fee of \$36,000 (plus GST) payable by monthly instalments of \$3,000 (plus GST) as per the proposal herewith.

14.2 * LOCAL ROADS AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE (LRCI) PROGRAM – PHASE 3**

File Number: G4.1
Author: Mark Riley, General Manager
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

Council has now received advice from the Hon Michael McCormack MP, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development and the Hon Mark Coulton MP, Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government and the Member for Parkes in respect of Phase 3 of the LRCI Program.

Current Situation

Council has now received advice from the Hon Michael McCormack MP, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development and the Hon Mark Coulton MP, Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government and the Member for Parkes in respect of Phase 3 of the LRCI Program.

This Phase will see a further \$1 billion provided to Councils across Australia. For Bourke Shire, the funding allocation is \$2,399,806 noting that this funding will be available from 1 January 2022, with construction due to be completed by 30 June 2023.

The correspondence provides as follows:

“We are writing to you following the 2021-22 Budget, where we have again demonstrated our commitment to local governments with a further \$1 billion provided through Phase 3 of the LRCI Program. This brings the total Australian Government commitment to \$2.5 billion. The LRCI Program continues to assist local governments in delivering priority projects and supporting jobs within the community.

As the closest tier of government to the people it serves, local governments remain an essential support for communities across Australia, helping them through this downturn and planning for the recovery.

Under Phases 1 and 2 of the LRCI Program, local government areas, such as yours, have identified more than 5,500 projects, providing opportunities and support for local jobs, firms and procurement in all areas of the nation.

Under Phase 3 of the LRCI Program, Bourke Shire Council will receive an additional funding allocation of \$2,399,806. This funding will be available from 1 January 2022, with construction due to be completed by 30 June 2023.

Through providing a longer delivery timeframe, Phase 3 will provide local governments the time to consider broader scopes and potentially take up larger, more complex builds. Phase 3 will continue to assist local governments to deliver local road and community infrastructure projects, as well as create local job opportunities particularly where employment in other sectors have been negatively impacted.

Given the longer construction period, we would strongly encourage you to identify priority projects that maximise the opportunity for a range of workers to be retained, redeployed and employed to deliver shovel ready projects that provide economic stimulus and benefits to communities.

Program Guidelines and Grant Agreements will be drafted by the Department over the coming months.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects.”

Obviously this is a significant tranche of funding and at the outset it will be recommended that Council writes to both the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister Coulton to express its appreciation for the funding.

In terms of proposing the allocation of this funding, Councillors will recall previous discussions in regard to potentially applying for funding under a particular program to undertake the redevelopment of the Program Pool at the Bourke War Memorial Olympic Pool. At the time it was agreed not to pursue the particular source of funding due to the fact that the timeframes of the subject grant would invariably result in works taking place at the pool during swimming season and the public once again inconvenienced. It was agreed not to pursue the grant.

Given that LRCI – Phase 3 Funding will be available from 1 January 2022, with construction due to be completed by 30 June 2023. It is now considered that there is sufficient time for works at the pool to be scoped, designed, tendered and then ultimately constructed for physical work to occur during the period March 2022 to October 2022 resulting in no inconvenience for the public at the Pool.

In this regard, in terms of priorities and having regard to tenders ultimately received, it would be proposed that Council scope and prepare plans and detailed estimates for the following projects at the Pool:

1. Bourke Program Pool
2. Bourke Swimming Pool Entry and Kiosk.

Assuming that both projects can be achieved with the allocated funds, the result for Council and the community will be a first class swimming pool amenity which will serve Bourke for many years into the future.

Financial Implications

The estimated costs to develop a project plan for the works is \$50,000. Council has available fund in the infrastructure renewal reserve fund to offset this cost and be shovel ready for the project to be completed.

Recommendation

- 1. That That Council forward correspondence to both the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister Coulton to express Councils appreciation for the funding provided under Phase 3 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.**
- 2. That Councils preferred projects in respect of utilising this funding, in order of priority be: Bourke Program Pool upgrade and Swimming Pool Entry and Kiosk upgrade.**
- 3. That the GM be requested to take the necessary action to scope, design, tender and be in a position for Council to determine a contractor such that physical construction works on the Program Pool and the Pool Entry and Kiosk, subject to funding, occurs during the period March 2022 to October 2022 resulting in no inconvenience for the public.**

14.3 2021 WESTERN DIVISION CONFERENCE

File Number: L8.5
Author: Mark Riley, General Manager
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

The 2021 Western Division Conference was held in Broken Hill from 19-21 April 2021. Prior to the 2021 event, the most recent Conference of the Division was held in 2019 when Bourke was the host Council. The 2020 Conference was cancelled due to the COVID Pandemic.

Western Division Member Councils are:

Balranald Shire Council
Bourke Shire Council
Brewarrina Shire Council
Broken Hill City Council
Central Darling Shire Council
Cobar Shire Council
Walgett Shire Council

Current Situation

As part of the Business Session section of the Conference, Bourke Shire Council had 10 motions for consideration and determination by Conference. These motions comprised a mixture of motions previously submitted by Bourke Shire for the subsequently cancelled 2020 Conference and revised motions, where necessary given the evolution of time between 2020 and the 2021 Conference.

Such motions and the outcome were as follows:

1. Encourage persons to relocate to rural and remote area in New South Wales – Bourke Shire Council. (Revised Motion for 2021 Conference from 2020).

That both the State and Federal Governments be encouraged to implement strategies and incentives that would encourage persons to relocate to rural and remote area in New South Wales that would assist in addressing the significant shortage of skilled workers as currently evident in many such areas. **Carried**

2. Stronger Country Communities Fund – Bourke Shire Council. (Revised Motion for 2021 Conference from 2020).

That the State Government be congratulated on the provision of funding to rural Councils through the Stronger Country Communities Fund and the tangible benefits that the funding has brought to so many communities in terms of facilities and services that were previously beyond the economic capacity of many councils and community groups, noting that an additional \$100 million will be available in Round 4 of the Fund, which opens on 1 May 2021. **Carried**

Note from Council as included in the Agenda.

The Stronger Country Communities Fund is arguably one of the best funding programs that has been introduced for rural councils. The funding has enabled many projects to be progressed, which had been on the councils' wish list for many years but were unable to be undertaken due to budgetary constraints. The funded projects have in many instances led to dramatic improvements in the social amenity of country communities, many of which have large portions of their communities in lower socio-economic circumstance.

3. Impact of Introducing or Amending Guidelines and/or Legislation - Bourke Shire Council. (Motion from 2020 Conference).

That the Office of Local Government be requested to recognise the fact that not all Councils have the same demographics, are not similar sized areas and have differing levels of revenue streams and available staff resources when introducing or amending guidelines and or legislation, that will ultimately impact on all Councils. **Carried**

Note from Council as included in the Agenda

The apparent "one size fits all" approach to the preparation of legislative changes and guidelines by the Office of Local Government clearly doesn't work and was highlighted by an earlier motion by Bourke Shire Council in relation to the makeup of Risk Management and Internal Audit Committees.

Whilst acknowledging that all Councils are governed by the Local Government Act 1993 and the provisions of that Act apply equally to all Councils, consideration by the Office as to the impact on all Councils, both large and small, is requested.

4. Incentives to Attract and Encourage Professionals to be Attracted and Retained in Rural Areas of Australia – Bourke Shire Council. (Motion from 2020 Conference).

That both the Commonwealth and State Governments be requested to pro-actively investigate the introduction of a range of incentives that will encourage professionals to both be attracted and retained in rural areas of Australia to ensure that the level of services and facilities is commensurate with those enjoyed by residents in the larger cities. **Carried**

Note Council as included in the Agenda

Rural Towns across the Country face ongoing difficulties in being able to attract and retain staff and this is most evident in the area of health including both doctors and nurses. The difficulty also extends too many allied health professionals and allied services including speech pathology, mental health professional and physiotherapists.

Incentives have proven to be effective in other professions including police and teachers.

But in the critical area of health care such incentives have largely been neglected. Council has suggested in the past an accelerated amortization of the HECCS debt of university graduates and a motion to this effect was passed by the Annual conference of LGNSW.

The range of incentives should also include those professionals who no longer have a debt but may also look to undertaking professional development and post graduate studies.

5. Initiatives Undertaken to Address the Acute Shortage of Water – Bourke Shire Council (Revised Motion for 2021 Conference from 2020)

That the State Government be congratulated on the various initiatives undertaken to address the acute shortage of water experienced by numerous western towns during the recent drought and that Government be requested to continue with initiatives to ensure that all communities are prepared for the next extended period of dry weather and drought conditions which, will undoubtedly occur again.

Carried

6. Wild Dog Problem – Bourke Shire Council. (Motion from 2020 Conference).

That the State Government investigate additional strategy options and funding streams that may be available to assist landowners throughout New South Wales take action to reduce, and hopefully eliminate, the current wild dog problem that is significantly and adversely impacting on the viability of many grazing enterprises across the state and in particular in western New South Wales.

Carried

Note from Council as included in the Agenda

The State Government has allocated over \$35 million for the construction of a wild dog fence which will line the borders of much of Queensland and South Australia and that funding will assist in stopping the dogs from entering this State. This investment is welcomed and appreciated and will have longer term benefits to the grazing industry.

However, the issue, now, is the large number of wild dogs that are within the state causing havoc for graziers and breeding at an exponential rate. Urgent action is needed to arrest this current problem to protect the viability of the sheep, goat, and cattle dog industries in the impacted parts of the state.

7. Western Weirs Strategy Business Case - Bourke Shire Council. (Revised Motion for 2021 Conference from 2020).

That the Western Division make representations to the Minister for Water, the Hon Melinda Pavey MP, seeking the expeditious completion of the planning process for the development of the Western Weirs Strategy Business Case.

Carried

Note from Council as included in the Agenda

Councils in the west of NSW have welcomed the Western Weirs Strategy and thank the NSW Government for the introduction of the initiative. However, the timeline for the Business Case indicate that the planning and consultation phases will not be completed until late 2021, let alone the commencement of any construction phase. Whilst 2021 has seen widespread rainfall in the west, it is important to ensure that communities in the state's west are drought proofed into the future. It is important that the rainfall that occurs is captured in storages along the river system and not allowed to simply flow into the ocean

8. Establishing and Maintaining Recycling Services - Bourke Shire Council. (Motion from 2020 Conference).

That the State Government be requested to consider the allocation of a subsidy to rural and remote councils to assist them in establishing and maintaining recycling services within their Local Government Areas. **Carried**

9. Preservation and Maintenance of Historic Cemeteries and the Maintenance of Community Halls – Bourke Shire Council. (Revised Motion for 2021 Conference from 2020).

That the State Government be requested to institute funding streams that allow for the preservation and maintenance of historic cemeteries and the maintenance of Community Halls in rural areas in recognition of the importance of these facilities to rural communities and the ongoing difficulties in funding these facilities in times of population decline. **Carried**

10. Continuing Professional Development - Bourke Shire Council (Motion from 2020 Conference).

That Local Government New South Wales be requested to make representations to the various employee Professional Bodies in relation to Local Government employees who are required to obtain Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points to consider the difficulties encountered by rural and remote council employees in attending accreditation courses and make provision for an allowance for travelling when allocating points. **Carried**

Note from Council as included in the Agenda.

Whilst not wanting to abrogate the responsibilities of employees to maintain their accreditation, Council is of the view that consideration should be given to the distances that need to be travelled and the expenses incurred by employees of rural and remote councils in attending accreditation and training courses.

Generally, such courses are held in metropolitan and regional centres. Access to these courses by rural and remote council employees is much more difficult and this difficulty should be recognised with alternative delivery methods for accreditation courses being developed and introduced.

Other motions adopted at the Conference were:

Treasury Loans (T-Corp Loans) – Wentworth Shire Council

That the Western Division of Councils request that Treasury Loans (T-Corp Loans) be freed up to be readily available to all Councils.

Road Classification Review – Balranald Shire

- a. That Western Division of Councils calls upon the NSW Government to clarify the terms of reference for the proposed Road Classification Review to ensure that the deliberations of the Independent Panel give equal weight to the desirability of transferring local roads to the State funded (but not State owned) network as an alternative to the transfer of ownership to the State; and
- b. That an experienced local government engineer from the Western Division be added to the interagency reference group established to support the Independent Panel

Road Safety Campaign for Tourist and Inexperienced Drivers – Central Darling Shire Council

That the Western Division of Councils support in seeking the State Government, undertakes a road safety campaign for tourist and inexperienced drivers driving in the Far West of NSW, and further investigate the coordinated approach in the management of Road Closures between Councils in the Far West.

Airport Certification/ CASA Safety Requirements – Central Darling Shire Council

- a. That the Western Division of Councils support to lobby Federal Government to increase RAUP (Remote Airstrips Upgrade Program) funding for Council's that have RNAV airstrips from the current \$150,000 to a upper limit of \$300,000 funding without a matching contribution.
- b. That the Western Division of Councils support to lobby State and Federal Government for financial assistance for the increase operational burden to Council's in the Far West that have to maintain more than one CASA certified airstrip.

Charging points for electric vehicles - Broken Hill City Council

That the State Government seeks support from the Federal Government to ensure there is adequate provision of charging points for electric vehicles in regional areas of the state, in order that regional areas are not deprived of the opportunity to purchase vehicles and also to ensure that people living in metropolitan areas can travel to regional and remote areas. Once the use of electric vehicles gains momentum, regional Australia should not miss out on tourism due to not having adequate charging bays.

Water Bores for Road Maintenance – Balranald Shire Council

That this Conference calls upon the NSW government to implement by regulation provisions for the issue of temporary licences for installation of water bores sufficient for road maintenance and stock watering purposes across the Western Division.

Multi-gigawatt transmission lines - Broken Hill City Council

That the State Government request the Federal Government investigate and prepare a public report into the need for the urgent approval and development of new long distance, multi-gigawatt transmission lines and a redesigned grid to cope with the rapid expansion of renewable energy sources feeding into it. The approval process for new transmission lines can average a decade and severely lags behind solar and wind developments which may take one to two years to be finalised. Such development is essential for Australia to reach its zero emission targets by 2050 and to significantly lower energy costs for Australian households and industry.

Barwon Darling Water Resource Plan - Central Darling Shire Council

That Member Councils of the Western Division calls on the NSW Government to finalise and release the Barwon Darling Water Resource Plan immediately

Capital Water Infrastructure. – Central Darling Shire Council

That the Western Division of Councils to support a new approach for the funding of Capital Water Infrastructure (treatment plants and storage) for Far Western rural and remote Councils, with an alternative model that the State Government meet the full cost of all new capital works and ownership of the asset. State Government would contract out to the local authority operational aspects, thus removing the burden of depreciation on the local authority.

Restoration and remediation of local cemeteries - Broken Hill City Council

That the State Government seeks funding from the Federal Governments to financially support local councils in the restoration and remediation of local cemeteries that have been severely damaged from climatic conditions and drought.

Museum Strategies for NSW - Broken Hill City Council

That the State Government seek funding from the Federal Government for the development of Museum Strategies for NSW with sufficient resources to ensure cultural heritage led vibrancy, collection care and local storytelling initiatives are supported, developed and maintained for communities throughout the State.

MOTION: Local Government Volunteer Strategy - Broken Hill City Council

That the State Government seek funding from the Federal Government to establish a Local Government Volunteer Strategy that can support requests for government funding assistance to regional and rural communities in their efforts to encourage greater volunteer labour participation through offsetting the costs incurred by local organisations who provide those volunteer services.

In addition to consideration of the various motions, it is advised that Cr Sally Davis was elected as a nominee to the Western Lands Advisory Committee. The terms of reference for this Committee are to:

- Give information and make recommendations concerning the Western Division of NSW and
- Consult with persons and bodies having an interest in any matter affecting the administration of the Western Division

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Recommendation

- 1. That the various motions adopted by delegates at the 2021 Western Division Conference be noted.**
- 2. That the nomination of Cr Sally Davis to the Western Lands Advisory Committee be noted.**

15 CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**15.1 *** BANK RECONCILIATION AND STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES**

File Number: F1.1
Author: Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 30 April 2021.

Balances as per Bank Statement	\$668,045.45
Plus: Deposit not shown	\$2,071.35
Less: Unpresented Cheques	\$2,525.74
Balance as per Cash Book	\$667,591.06

Reconciled Ledger Accounts as at 30th April 2021

Fund or Account	Current Balance	Overdraft Statutory Limit
General	\$20,065,745.99	\$200,000.00
Water	\$1,425,484.12	
Sewer	\$2,603,395.05	
Trust	\$95,292.15	
Total Funds	\$24,189,917.31	

Investments as at 30 April 2021

National Australia Bank	\$1,711,130.64	0.95%	330 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,076,401.54	0.75%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$453,028.80	0.73%	300 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$3,005,255.02	0.75%	330 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,097,705.04	0.53%	330 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$802,888.67	0.50%	300 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$2,000,000.00	0.50%	367 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$2,000,000.00	0.50%	300 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,153,578.45	0.44%	330 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$674,847.12	0.40%	180 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$3,100,208.73	0.32%	240 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$3,056,586.36	0.34%	305 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$703,653.66	0.30%	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$2,687,042.22	Flex		
Total Investments	\$23,522,326.25			

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

Reconciliation at 30 April 2021

Balance as per cash book	\$667,591.06
Investments	\$23,522,326.25
Total, equalling Reconciled Ledger	\$24,189,917.31

Statement of Bank Balances as at 30 April 2021

	Balance	Transaction	Balance
	31 March 2021		30 April 2021
General Fund	\$22,014,386.76	-\$1,948,640.77	\$20,065,745.99
Water Fund	\$1,035,948.16	\$389,535.96	\$1,425,484.12
Sewer Fund	\$2,569,002.12	\$34,392.93	\$2,603,395.05
Trust Fund	\$92,687.17	\$2,604.98	\$95,292.15
Investments	-\$23,820,809.61	\$298,483.36	-\$23,522,326.25
Totals	\$1,891,214.60	-\$1,223,623.54	\$667,591.06

Balance of all Funds as at 30 April 2021

Balance as at 31 March 2021	\$1,891,214.60
Add Receipts for	
(a) Rates	\$98,855.99
(b) Other Cash	\$2,329,918.24
Deduct payments for	
(a) Payments	\$3,950,881.13
(b) New Investment	-\$298,483.36
Balance as at 30 April 2021	\$667,591.06

Recommendation

That the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 30 April, 2021 be noted.

15.2 * INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2021**

File Number: F1.1
Author: Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

The investment 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**Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines**

Local Government Act 1993

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005

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

Financial Implications/Consideration

The 2020/21 Budget estimates the total investment revenue as \$295,000 which represents an estimated return of 1.475%. 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 April, 2021 is \$23,522,326.25

Investment income earned as at 30 April, 2021 is \$131,196.02.

Policy Provisions – Council Policy and Procedure

Policy 1.8.10(v5) – Investment Policy adopted 23 July 2020.

Ministerial Investment Order – 12 January 2011

Strategic Implications – Implications for Long Term Plans/Targets

Funds are invested in accordance with identified cash flow requirements.

Investment Portfolio**Investments as at 30 April 2021**

National Australia Bank	\$1,711,130.64	0.95%	330 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,076,401.54	0.75%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$453,028.80	0.73%	300 Days	A1+
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Term Deposits**Discussions/Comments**

The Investment portfolio decreased by \$298,483.36 during the period.

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

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

Certification – Responsible Accounting Officer

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

Recommendation

- 1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio 30 April, 2021 be received and noted.**
- 2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted**

15.3 * REVENUE POLICY 2021/2022**

File Number: R2.1
Author: Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

1. Background

At the March Ordinary Meeting of Council, the draft Revenue Policy was presented for inclusion in the draft Operation Plan. The draft Operational Plan was placed on exhibition for a 28 day period closing on 3 May 2021.

2. Current Situation

Management have identified four (4) typographical errors in the draft Revenue Policy. The errors identified have no significant impact on the Operational Plan. The revised Revenue Policy is attached for Councils consideration.

Revenue Policy

Local Government Act 1993 – Sec 405

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 – Reg 201

The Revenue Policy has this year included the following components which were considered in structuring Council's revenue for 2021/2022:

Rate Pegging Limit

The independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has determined that Council's General Rate income may be increased by 2.0% under section 506 of the Local Government Act 1993 for the rating Year commencing on 1st July 2021.

IPART have determined the rate peg for 2021/2022 based on the following components shown in table 1:

Component	Percentage Change
Local Government Cost Index	1.80%
Less: Productivity Factor (is not material)	0.00
LGCI including Productivity Factor	1.80
Adjustment for costs of LG Elections	0.20
Total	2.00
2021/2022 Rate Peg	2.00%

Adoption of the maximum rate pegging limit set by IPART of 2.0% represents an increase of \$34,000 over last year's general rate income for Bourke Shire Council.

2021/2022 Catch Up/Excess

Finalisation of Special Schedule 8 - Permissible Income calculations, contains a catch up amount of \$1,492.00. This amount has been included in the calculations for the 2021/2022 rating year as an increase to the above rate peg amount.

Rating Method Options

The *Local Government Act 1993* provides Council with the following methods of levying rates:

1. Solely Ad Valorem rating i.e. cents in the \$ on land values.
2. Minimum rate plus ad valorem rate.
3. A base amount up to 50% of the total yield required to be raised from a category or sub-category of a rate and applied to all rateable parcels within that category or sub-category plus an ad valorem rate to raise the additional amount required.

Council currently utilises option 3, a method that has been in operation for many years and has proven satisfactory for Bourke Shire.

Rates Statement

Rates are levied on the valuation of property (as determined by the Valuer General) and in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Land Valuations

Rateable land valuations as at 30th June 2020 were \$267,636,070. The estimated land valuations as at 30th June 2021 are \$267,463,470 a decrease of \$172,600.

Categorisation of Land for the Purposes of Ordinary Rates

Council in accordance with Section 514 *Local Government Act 1993* must declare each parcel of rateable land within it's area to be one of the following categories:-

1. Farmland
2. Residential
3. Mining
4. Business

Council utilises the provisions of Sections 528 and 529 of the *Local Government Act 1993* in applying differential rating to the categories of ordinary rates.

Interest Rate

Notification is received from the Office of Local Government specifying the maximum interest rate under section 566(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The interest rate for 2019/2020 is 7.50%. The interest rate for ~~2020/2021~~ **2021/2022** is yet to be announced although it is expected to be the same or similar and Council will take up the maximum rate.

Instalment Dates

Section 562(3) *Local Government Act 1993* states 'instalments are payable 31 August, 30 November, 28 February and 31 May except as provided in subsection (4). It has been Council's practice to extend the payment date to the first working day after the due date where the instalment falls due on a weekend or public holiday.

Methods of Payment

Currently payments for rates and charges may be made by one of the following options:

- In person at the Council's office between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm
- Cheques and Money Orders may be posted to Council's office
- EFTPOS (no cash given out) at Council's office
- BPay using telephone or internet banking
- Mastercard and Visacard are accepted over the telephone

- A direct Debit from a nominated bank account can be arranged by contacting Council's Rates and Water Billing Officer
- Directly into Council's bank account (prior arrangements must be made)
- Centrepay deductions for eligible pensioners

Other Services

Council may, under Section 501(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, make an annual charge for any of the following services provided, or proposed to be provided, on an annual basis by Council:-

- Water Supply services
- Sewerage Services
- Drainage Services
- Waste Management Services (other than Domestic Waste management services)
- Any services prescribed by the regulations

Best-Practice Pricing – Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste

The introduction of best-practice pricing is essential for the effective and sustainable provision of Council's Water Supply and Sewerage services. Council should ensure that it's Water Supply and Sewerage tariffs:-

- o Provide appropriate pricing signals that enable customers to balance the benefits and costs of using the Water Supply and Sewerage services and promote efficient use of resources.
- o Distribute costs equitably among it's customers and eliminate significant cross-subsidies.
- o Reflect the cost of providing the service and raise the annual income required for the long term financial sustainability of Council's Water and Sewerage services including investment in new and replacement infrastructure.

With increasing demands being placed on the finite water resources of NSW it is vital that Council uses the resources efficiently. Introduction of best-practice pricing for Water Supply, Sewerage and Liquid Trade Waste services is an essential step for achieving the objectives in non-metropolitan NSW.

Section 552(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1993* prescribes that Council can charge for a water service provided the land is within 225 metres of a Water Supply pipe of Council.

Section 552(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993* prescribes that Council can charge for a Sewer service provided the land is within 75 metres of a Sewer line of Council.

Residential Water Access and Water Use Charges

(Sec 201,202 Local Government Act 1993)

The access charge is an annual charge to customers and is independent of the level of consumption. The water access charge for the 2021/2022 rating year will be charged in accordance with the Division of Land and Water Conservation 'Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste Pricing Guidelines.

Best Practice Pricing is designed to send a message to the consumer that water costs money to supply and that it is important to utilise it sensibly for long term sustainability. To achieve this, Councils need to adjust the fixed water charge and usage charge over a period of 3-5 years so that 75% of all water revenue is raised from usage and 25% from fixed annual charge.

Council is a member of the Orana Water Utilities Alliance (OWUA) and is implementing Government requirements in meeting all requirements in relation to Best Practice Pricing.

Adopting this type of structure ensures low water consumers receive low bills in comparison to high water users.

Council may be required to install water meters on all water supplies, i.e. raw water. Councils not complying with the requirement may be denied Grant Revenue from the State Government. However, with the nation wide move to encourage use of grey water, this requirement now comes into question.

The proposed access charges for 2021/2022 based on connection size and a 2.0% increase on charges are detailed in table two (2) on page 32 herewith.

Sewerage Access Charges

(Sec 501 Local Government Act 1993)

Current pricing structures of sewerage services means Residential customers cross subsidise non-residential (usually larger) users. There is no pricing signal for larger users.

The Division of Land and Water Conservation 'Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste pricing guidelines' recommend a uniform tariff for residential customers and a two (2) part tariff for non-residential customers.

The two (2) part tariff comprises a fixed charge (relative to the peak load they place on the system) and a usage charge per KL, for the volume of wastewater discharged into the sewer. The usage charge would be billed to the customer at the set times throughout the year (probably six (6) monthly as water is billed). The bill is estimated in accordance with the volume of water consumed within that period. Council is currently developing a Trade Waste Policy that will include all the requirements of The Division of Land and Water Conservation 'Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste Pricing Guidelines'.

Trade Waste Charges

(Sec 501 Local Government Act 1993)

Council is responsible for the approval and monitoring of liquid trade waste discharges in accordance with the Division of Land and Water Conservation 'Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste Pricing Guidelines'. A liquid trade waste discharger is a property that discharges waste into the sewerage system other than domestic sewage or unpolluted water.

Liquid Trade Waste charges should consist of a two (2) part tariff. Non-residential customers should pay an annual liquid trade waste fee and a liquid trade waste usage charge per KL based on the volume of waste discharged. Businesses such as restaurants, take-away shops and bakery's discharge oil and grease into the sewerage system and should be charged accordingly. For example a Hotel or Restaurant would discharge up to 95% of water used into the sewerage system. A concrete plant however would have a discharge as low as 2%.

The setup of these additional charges is complicated and would require consultation with the Division of Land and Water Conservation 'Water Supply, Sewerage and Trade Waste Pricing Guidelines' to ensure a fair system is implemented.

Rating Structure

~~The Rating Structure has been modelled in line with the requirements of the Sec 491-531 of the Local Government Act which defines that~~

- ~~• A base rate must not be more than 50% of the rateable value of the property. (Sec 500)~~

The Rating Structure for Ordinary Rates has been modelled in line with the requirements of the Sec 492-500 of the Local Government Act which defines that:

- the Base amount of a rate (or the base amount of the rate for a category or sub-category of an ordinary rate) must not be such as to produce more than 50 per cent of the total amount payable by the levying of the rate (or of the rate for the category or sub-category concerned) on all rateable land subject to the rate (or the rate for the category or sub-category concerned)
- the ad Valorem amount of a rate is an amount in the dollar determined for a specified year by the council and expressed to apply to the land value of all rateable land in the council's area within the category or sub-category of ordinary rate.

Rating Examples

Rating examples are illustrated on the following page. The examples show a cross section of Council's rateable properties for the previous and pending rating periods. These represent a ~~2.6%~~ 2% increase in General Rates.

BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL RATING EXAMPLES 2021/22									
		GENERAL		SERVICES		TOTAL			
Category	Assessment	2020/21	2021/22	2020/21	2021/22	2020/21	2021/22	Variance this year (\$)	% Change
Ordinary Rate - Residential - Bourke									
Residential - Mertin Street	521	\$906.81	\$925.94	\$1,945.00	\$1,978.00	\$2,851.81	\$2,903.94	\$52.13	1.83
Residential - Mertin Street	556-1	\$499.10	\$509.74	\$1,945.00	\$1,978.00	\$2,444.10	\$2,487.74	\$43.64	1.79
Residential - Short Street	894	\$490.78	\$501.24	\$1,945.00	\$1,978.00	\$2,424.16	\$2,479.24	\$55.08	2.27
Ordinary Rate - Residential - North Bourke & High Street									
Residential - North Bourke	1440	\$285.92	\$291.60	\$1,022.00	\$1,037.00	\$1,307.92	\$1,328.60	\$20.68	1.58
Residential - North Bourke	1467	\$1,026.35	\$1,047.46	\$1,022.00	\$1,037.00	\$2,048.35	\$2,084.46	\$36.11	1.76
Residential - North Bourke	1473-3	\$2,100.96	\$2,144.46	\$491.00	\$495.00	\$2,591.96	\$2,591.96	\$47.50	1.83
Residential - High Street	1537-013	\$167.97	\$171.20	\$1,022.00	\$1,037.00	\$1,189.97	\$1,208.20	\$18.23	1.53
Ordinary Rate - Residential - Villages									
Residential - Byrock	1215	\$63.37	\$64.90	\$88.00	\$90.00	\$151.37	\$154.90	\$3.53	2.33
Residential - Enngonia	1280	\$69.71	\$71.37	\$865.00	\$880.00	\$934.71	\$951.37	\$16.66	1.78
Residential - Fords Bridge	1353-01	\$69.71	\$71.37	\$865.00	\$880.00	\$934.71	\$951.37	\$16.66	1.78
Residential - Wanaaring	1513-6	\$101.42	\$103.74	\$88.00	\$90.00	\$189.42	\$193.74	\$4.32	2.28
Residential - Louth	1366	\$180.69	\$184.67	\$865.00	\$880.00	\$1,045.69	\$1,064.67	\$18.97	1.81
Ordinary Rate - Business									
Motel - Bourke	589	\$1,003.00	\$1,024.05	\$9,591.00	\$9,736.00	\$10,594.00	\$10,760.05	\$166.05	1.57
Club - Bourke	677	\$1,781.05	\$1,818.30	\$9,100.00	\$9,275.00	\$10,881.05	\$11,093.30	\$212.25	1.95
Retail Shop - Bourke	799	\$388.75	\$397.01	\$1,945.00	\$1,978.00	\$2,333.75	\$2,375.01	\$41.26	1.77
Caravan Park - North Bourke	2080-2	\$2,886.70	\$2,946.97	\$10,058.00	\$10,202.00	\$12,944.70	\$13,148.97	\$204.26	1.58
Ordinary Rate - Farmland - General									
Parkdale Road - Bourke	1155	\$846,223.9	\$863.39			\$846.23	\$863.39	\$17.16	2.03
Mitchell Highway - Enngonia	1653-03	\$646.24	\$659.41			\$646.24	\$659.41	\$13.17	2.04
Burrawantie Road - Enngonia	1687-1	\$11,568.95	\$11,689.12			\$11,568.95	\$11,689.12	\$120.17	1.04
Mitchell Highway - Barrington	1700	\$1,625.34	\$1,658.02			\$1,625.34	\$1,658.02	\$32.68	2.01
West Culgoa Road - Bourke	1749	\$18,717.43	\$19,090.59			\$18,717.43	\$19,090.59	\$373.16	1.99
Mitchell Highway - Enngonia	1750	\$6,781.88	\$6,917.28			\$6,781.88	\$6,917.28	\$135.40	2.00
Bourke - Wilcannia Road - Louth	1778-1	\$6,681.48	\$6,814.88			\$6,681.48	\$6,814.88	\$133.40	2.00
Mitchell Highway - Enngonia	1799	\$9,384.25	\$9,571.49			\$9,384.25	\$9,571.49	\$187.24	2.00
Bourke - Wilcannia Road - Louth	2054-01	\$703.26	\$717.57	\$865.00	\$880.00	\$1,568.26	\$1,597.57	\$29.31	1.87
Mitchell Highway, Bourke	1737-1	\$6,882.28	\$7,019.68	\$4,132.00	\$4,214.00	\$11,014.28	\$11,233.68	\$219.40	1.99
Janbeth Road, Bourke	2065-31	\$9010.76	\$9,190.56			\$9,010.76	\$9,190.56	\$179.80	2.00

DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT Reasonable Cost Determination for 2021/2022

	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022
TOTAL WASTE OPERATING COSTS					
Salaries - Waste Collection and Waste Depot Manager/staff	\$220,976.00	\$228,936.00	\$235,237.00	\$239,300.00	\$249,457.00
Vehicle Running Expenses (Compactor/Backhoe/Garb Truck)	\$167,050.00	\$172,770.00	\$185,250.00	\$168,735.00	\$168,370.00
Waste Depot & Waste Service Expenses	\$36,062.00	\$42,246.00	\$43,450.00	\$36,050.00	\$36,370.00
Recycling	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Reserve for New Tip Construction 2019 - Estimate \$150,000	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Administration Costs	\$22,097.60	\$22,893.60	\$23,523.70	\$23,930.00	\$24,946.00
Overheads on-cost	Included in Salaries				
Other Waste Management					
Street Bin Services	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
Other expenses 12004-031	\$25,490.00	\$27,490.00	\$27,490.00	\$26,900.00	\$28,900.00
Special Town Clean ups	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00
Village Tip Expense	\$15,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$20,000.00
TOTAL WASTE SERVICE OPERATING COSTS	\$526,675.60	\$551,335.60	\$571,950.70	\$556,915.00	\$575,043.00
TOTAL DOMESTIC WASTE OPERATING COST	\$263,337.80	\$275,667.80	\$285,975.35	\$278,457.50	\$287,521.50
Number of Domestic Waste Assessments	1147	1206	1199	1198	1198
Cost per assessment	\$229.59	\$228.58	\$238.51	\$232.44	\$240.00
Proposed Charges	\$284.00	\$285.00	\$285.00	\$285.00	\$285.00
Garbage Charge Revenue	\$325,748.00	\$343,710.00	\$341,715.00	\$341,430.00	\$341,430.00
Less 50% Pensioner rebate for 120 assessments (119- 07/08)	-\$16,879.50	-\$16,879.50	-\$16,879.50	-\$16,879.50	-\$18,415.00
OLG Subsidy	\$8,250.00	\$8,250.00	\$8,250.00	\$8,250.00	\$8,250.00
	\$317,118.50	\$335,080.50	\$333,085.50	\$332,800.50	\$331,265.00
Trade Waste Assessments	462	463	470	485	488
Proposed Charges	\$284.00	\$285.00	\$285.00	\$285.00	\$285.00
Trade Waste Revenue	\$131,208.00	\$131,955.00	\$133,950.00	\$138,225.00	\$139,080.00
Land Fill Charges	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$60,000.00
Recovery Shop Income	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Sale of Recycling Waste	\$8,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$25,000.00
Village Waste Charges Assessments	172	170	169	169	169
Proposed Charges	\$98.00	\$99.00	\$99.00	\$99.00	\$99.00
Village Waste Revenue	\$16,856.00	\$16,830	\$16,731	\$16,731.00	\$16,731.00
Total Waste Revenue	\$528,182.50	\$552,865.50	\$572,766.50	\$557,756.50	\$575,076.00
Variance - Funded from General Revenue	\$1,506.90	\$1,529.90	\$815.80	\$841.50	\$33.00

DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT

Council is required to present to the Department of Local Government its *Determination of Reasonable Costs for the Calculation of Domestic Waste Charges*.

These charges incorporate the consideration of all related costs and are based on collected statistics that have been reported to Council in previous years. Domestic waste represents approximately 50% of costs with the other 50% being applied to other waste.

RATES AND CHARGES

SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES ESTIMATES FOR 2021/2022

Using a combination of base rating and ad valorem incorporating a 2.0% increase.

Table 1

Category / Sub- Categories	Ad Valorem Cents per \$/base rate	Minimum Amount Advalorem plus base rate yield	2021/2022 Notional Yield
Ordinary Rates – Residential - Bourke			
On a L.V. of 14,999,600 at	1.6988	254,812.90	
Base Amount 820 at	136.00	111,520.00	366,332.90
Ordinary Rates – Residential – North Bourke High Street			
On a L.V. of 4,544,200 at	1.3378	60,792.36	
Base Amount 83 at	111.00	9,213.00	70,005.36
Ordinary Rates – Residential - Villages			
On a L.V. of 528,620 at	3.2379	17,111.95	
Base Amount 234 at	39.00	9,126.00	26,237.95
Ordinary Rates - Mines			
On a L.V. of 0 at	1.6707	0.00	
Base Amount 0 at	546.00	0.00	0.00
Ordinary Rates - Business			
On a L.V. of 7,001,400 at	1.638 1.6721	117,070.49	
Base Amount 212 at	188.00	39,856.00	156,926.49
Ordinary Rates – Farmland – General			
On a L.V. of 240,389,650 at	0.4096 0.410	985,597.55	
Base Amount 380 at	548.00	208,240.00	1,193,837.55
Total Rateable Land Value			267,463,470.00
Gross Rate Revenue			1,813,340.25
Less Pensioner Concessions			(14,604.29)
Total Ordinary Rate Revenue			1,798,735.96

SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES 2020/2021

Table 2

Water Access Charges	Assessments	Charge	Total	
Filtered Water Access 20mm	1225	210.00	257,250.00	
Filtered Water Access 25mm	28	257.00	7,196.00	
Filtered Water Access 32mm	0	526.00	0.00	
Filtered Water Access 40mm	7	720.00	5,040.00	
Filtered Water Access 50mm	28	987.00	27,636.00	
Filtered Water Access 100mm	5	1,977.00	9,885.00	
Filtered Water Access 150mm	1	3,852.00	3,852.00	
Raw Water Access 20mm	0	527.00	0.00	
Raw Water Access 25mm	1155	542.00	626,010.00	
Raw Water Access 32mm	2	1108.00	2,216.00	
Raw Water Access 40mm	3	1,715.00	5,145.00	
Raw Water Access 50mm	26	3,227.00	83,902.00	
Raw Water Access 100mm	13	5,375.00	69,875.00	
Raw Water Access 150mm	0	10,750.00	0.00-	
Total Water Access				1,098,007.00
Village Water Charges				
Occupied	166	781.00	129,646.00	
Unoccupied	117	90.00	10,530.00	
Total Village Water				133,710 140,176
Urban Drainage Charges				
Drainage Charge	1045	174.00	181,830.00	
Total Drainage				181,830.00
Sewerage Charges				
Sewerage Access Single	1080	767.00	828,360.00	
Sewerage Access Multi	123	767.00	94,341.00	
Total Sewer				922,701.00
Garbage Charges				
Domestic Waste Charges	1198	285.00	341,430.00	
Trade Waste Charges	488	285.00	139,080.00	
Village Tip Maintenance	169	99.00	16,731.00	
Total Garbage Charges				497,241.00
Total Services Revenue			2,839,955	
Metered Filtered Water				
(Based on 6 Year Av use figures) + Industrial	309,238 KL	\$2.26		
Total Water Usage				698,877.12
Total Services/Water Revenue			3,538,832.12	
Less Pensioner Concessions			(31,386.82)	
			3,507,455.30	
Total Revenue 2021/2022			5,306,181.26	

TRADE WASTE CHARGES

Council management have developed a strategy to progress Trade Waste pricing. The following charges are to be included in the 2021/2022 Operational Plan for Trade Waste Usage Charge. The charge will be phased in over the next 10 years.

Item	Price \$
Category 1 – with appropriate pre-treatment	Nil
Category 1 – without appropriate pre-treatment	1.77/kL
Category 2 – with appropriate pre-treatment	1.77/kL
Category 2 without appropriate pre-treatment	14.51kL
Food Waste Disposal Charge	23.32/bed

Financial Implications

There is not impact on the current or future budget.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the amended 2021/2022 Revenue Policy for inclusion in the 2021/2022 Operational Plan.

15.4 * OPERATIONAL PLAN 2021/2022 AND MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES**

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Attachments: Nil

Background

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

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

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

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Current Situation

As required, the Operational Plan for 2021/2022 was prepared and presented to Council on 22 March 2021 where it was resolved to place the documents on public exhibition in accordance with 405 (3) as detailed above.

The availability of the documents was advertised in the Western Herald with the documents placed on Council's website, with hard copies available to members of the public on request if they did not have access to the internet. Submissions were invited to be lodged in relation to the Operational Plan.

As resolved the exhibition period closed Monday, 3 May 2021. No submissions were received from the public. Council has received correspondence from the NSW Government indicating that the contribution amount for NSW Rural Fire Service for 2021/2022 will be \$146,500. The estimated amount included in the draft budget was \$205,700. Accordingly, an adjustment of \$59,200 has been applied to this item in the budget. Management has allocated this adjustment to the infrastructure renewal reserve to be used for offsetting funding opportunities or upgrading of infrastructure. It will be recommended that the Operational Plan as exhibited be adopted, subject to this budget amendment.

It should be noted that various recommendations are contained below that results in Council formally adopting the Operational Plan and then resolutions to formally make the Rates and Charges for 2021/2022.

Financial Implications

There are no significant financial implications involved in the preparation of Operational Plan 2021-2022. The contents of the plan will have a significant impact and benefit on Council in planning for the future. Identified expenditure will be incorporated in future Operational Plans or when funding from other sources becomes available for project not funded.

Recommendation

1. That Council adopt the 2021/2022 Bourke Shire Council Operational Plan as exhibited, subject to the changes of the contributions payable to the Emergency Services contributions and the reallocation of funds to the infrastructure renewal reserve of \$59,200.
2. That Council adopt the Plant Replacement Schedule as presented in the 2021/2022 Operational Plan.
3. That Council adopt the Loan Borrowing Schedule as presented in the 2021/2022 Operational Plan being borrowings of \$1,614,000 to implement Councils plant replacement programme.
4. That in accordance with the requirements of Section 566 of the Local Government Act 1993, the interest rate to be charged on overdue rates and charges for the 2021/2022 period be at the maximum prescribed interest rate.
5. That Authority be given to affix the Common Seal of Council to all relevant documents in relation to the 2021/2022 Loan Schedule.
6. That a copy of Councils adopted 2021/2022 Operational Plan be uploaded to Councils website.

Making of Rates and Charges for 2021/2022

The making of Rates and Charges must be made by resolution of Council, pursuant to Sections 533, 534, 535, 537 and 543 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Recommendations

(a) Ordinary Rates 2021/2022.

That WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 01/07/2021 to 30/06/2022 were prepared by Council in accordance with Local Government Act 1993, S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was placed, in which consideration has been given to any submissions received, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that in accordance with, and pursuant to, S492, S493, S494 and S529 of the Local Government Act 1993, that Council make the following Ordinary rates to be levied on all rateable land within the Shire, for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022:

Type of Rate	Cents in \$ Ad Valorem	\$ Base Amount	% Base Amount Payable
Ordinary Rates – Bourke – Residential	1.6988	\$136.00	30.39%
Ordinary Rates – North Bourke & High Street – Residential	1.3378	\$111.00	13.21%
Ordinary Rates – Village – Residential	3.2379	\$39.00	34.78%
Ordinary Rates – Business	1.6721	\$188.00	25.40%
Ordinary Rates - Farmland	.4100	\$548.00	17.41%

(b) User Charges /Annual Charges – Water, Sewerage and Urban Drainage 2021/2022.

That WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2021 to 30/6/2022 were prepared by Council in accordance with Local Government Act 1993, S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was placed, in which consideration has been given to any submissions received, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that in accordance with S501, S502 and S551 and

552, of the Local Government Act 1993, Council make the following User and Annual Charges for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 and levy on such land:-

- for services provided or proposed to be provided; or
- for the availability or access to services; or
- for the actual use of a service;

Water Supply Services:

Town/Village	Annual Access Charge \$	Usage Charge (c/kl) (tariff)
User Charge		
Bourke and North Bourke		\$2.26
Water Access Charges		
Filtered Water Access 20mm	\$210.00	
Filtered Water Access 25mm	\$257.00	
Filtered Water Access 32mm	\$526.00	
Filtered Water Access 40mm	\$720.00	
Filtered Water Access 50mm	\$987.00	
Filtered Water Access 100mm	\$1,977.00	
Filtered Water Access 150mm	\$3,852.00	
Raw Water Access 20mm	\$527.00	
Raw Water Access 25mm	\$542.00	
Raw Water Access 32mm	\$1,108.00	
Raw Water Access 40mm	\$1,715.00	
Raw Water Access 50mm	\$3,227.00	
Raw Water Access 100mm	\$5,375.00	
Raw Water Access 150mm	\$10,750.00	
Village – Occupied	\$781.00	
Village – Unoccupied	\$90.00	

Sewerage Services:

Sewerage Access Charges	Annual Access Charge \$
Sewerage Access Single	\$767.00
Sewerage Access Multi	\$767.00

Drainage Services:

Annual Drainage Service Charge	Annual Charge \$
Drainage Charge Levy	\$174.00

(c) Annual Domestic Waste Management Service and Trade Waste (Garbage) Charges 2021/2022.

That WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 01/07/2021 to 30/06/2022 were prepared by Council in accordance with Local Government Act, 1993, S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was placed, in which consideration has been given to any submissions received, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Council make the following Domestic Waste Management Service Charge and the Trade Waste (Garbage) Charge and that in accordance with S496 and S501 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council levy such charges for the year 1/07/2021 to 30/06/2022:

Waste Management and Trade Waste (Garbage) Services:

Annual Waste / Garbage Charges	Annual Charge \$
Domestic Waste Charge	\$285.00
Trade Waste (Garbage) Charge	\$285.00
Village Tip Maintenance	\$99.00

(d) Fees and Charges 2021/2022.

That WHEREAS the draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 01/07/2021 to 30/06/2022 were prepared by Council in accordance with Local Government Act 1993, S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was placed, which consideration has been given to any submissions received, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Council make the Fees and Charges as contained in Councils 2021/2022 Fees and Charges Document and in accordance with S501 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Please note: The Draft Operational Plan 2021/2022 has been distributed to Councillors and is available on Council's website at <https://bourke.nsw.gov.au/>

The document as amended in accordance with any resolutions will form part of the minutes of the meeting.

15.5 * BUDGET REVIEW TO 31 MARCH 2021**

File Number: F1.1-L11.10.4
Author: Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: 1. Budget Review to 31 March 2021

Background

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

Current Situation

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

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

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

Issues

- The QBRs must be prepared by the Responsible Accounting Officer and presented to Council within two (2) months of the end of the quarter.
- The minimum format of the QBRs is governed by the Division of Local Government's Guidelines in December 2010.

Assessment**(a) Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines**

Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (the Regulations) clause 203 requires a Council's Responsible Accounting Officer to prepare and submit a quarterly budget review statement to the governing body of Council within two months of the end of the quarter
Division of Local Government – Quarterly Budget Review Guidelines issued December 2010

(b) Financial Implications/Considerations

Council's original budget was adopted as part of the 2020/2021 Operational Plan on 25th May 2020 and reflected an overall cash based surplus of \$723,677.

(c) Policy Provisions – Council Policy and Practice

Nil

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

Community Strategic Plan
Delivery Program/Operational Plan

Discussion

The QBRS has been prepared for the March 2021 review period and is presented to Council for consideration.

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

Overall Financial Position

The revised consolidated budget result following the March QBRS is estimated to be a Surplus of \$396,323.

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

Fund	Expenses	Revenues	Depreciation	Operating result
General	(\$52,253,256)	\$47,576,758	\$4,335,150	\$(341,348)
Water	(\$12,170,009)	\$11,473,725	\$1,120,854	\$424,570
Sewer	(\$1,449,562)	\$1,449,562	\$313,101	\$313,101
Total	(\$65,872,827)	\$60,500,045	\$5,769,105	\$396,323

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

Operating and Capital Works Budgets:

Adjustment Description	Budget Impact
Operational Income – increase	173,146
Operational Expenses – increase	(126,020)
Capital Income and Contributions - increase	3,287,558
Capital Expenditure - additional	(3,302,920)
Transfer to/from Reserves	
Net adjustment - Budget	\$31,764

Summary	Budget Impact
Original Budget surplus	723,677
Adjustments from QBRS September 2020	(242,619)
Adjustments from QBRS December 2020	(116,499)
Adjustments from QBRS March 2021	31,764
Revised Budget	\$396,323

Conclusion

The financial position of Bourke Shire Council as at 31st March 2021 is considered to be satisfactory and is confirmed by the Report from the Responsible Accounting Officer provided under separate cover to Council.

Recommendation

- 1. That the “Quarterly Budget Review Statement – March 2021” be received and noted.**
- 2. That the variations of income and expenditure as identified in the “Quarterly Budget Review Statement – March 2021” be adopted.**
- 3. That the Statement of the Responsible Accounting Officer that Council is considered to be in a satisfactory financial position as at 31 March 2021, be noted**

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BUDGET REVIEW
31 March 2021**

Council Meeting 24 May 2021

Bourke Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/21 to 31/03/21

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Report by Responsible Accounting Officer

The following statement is made in accordance with Clause 203(2) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005:

31 March 2021

It is my opinion that the Quarterly Budget Review Statement for Bourke Shire Council for the quarter ended 31/03/21 indicates that Council's projected financial position at 30/6/21 will be satisfactory at year end, having regard to the projected estimates of income and expenditure and the original budgeted income and expenditure.

Signed: _____

date: 17th May 2021

Leonie Brown
Responsible Accounting Officer

Bourke Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/01/21 to 31/03/21

Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2021

Income & Expenses - Council Consolidated

(\$000's)	Original Budget 2020/21	Approved Changes					Revised Budget 2020/21	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Notes	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRS	Sep QBRS	Dec QBRS	Mar QBRS					
Income											
Administration	7,169,332			320,165	57,565		7,547,062	(176,800)		7,370,262	4,292,676
Public Order & Safety	202,560			487,709	1,000		691,269			691,269	499,456
Health	181,370			-	(23,022)		158,348			158,348	119,638
Community Services & Education	20,900			3,239	-		24,139	(5,500)		18,639	11,287
Housing & Community Amenities	898,719			104,582	5,279		1,008,580			1,008,580	875,045
Water Supplies	2,147,506			95,196	(3,400)		2,239,302	228,244		2,467,546	1,803,779
Sewer Services	1,039,760			(5,600)	6,200		1,040,360	39,202		1,079,562	982,606
Recreation and Culture	106,232			239,350	(3,839)		341,743			341,743	159,407
Manufacturing & Construction	13,500			-	-		13,500			13,500	5,733
Transport & Communication	8,121,898			27,292	658,855		8,808,045	90,000		8,898,045	3,350,584
Economic Affairs	707,000			136,589	(52,912)		790,677	(2,000)		788,677	400,203
Total Income from Continuing Operations	20,608,777	-	-	1,408,522	645,726	-	22,663,025	173,146		22,836,171	12,500,414
Expenses											
Administration	3,015,912			354,671	(22,154)		3,348,429	(247,327)		3,101,102	260,288
Public Order & Safety	633,157			487,709	(11,663)		1,109,203	1,162		1,110,365	532,337
Health	785,214			-	(14,674)		770,540	2,500		773,040	423,830
Community Services & Education	71,517			8,387	3,282		83,186	7,801		90,987	57,272
Housing & Community Amenities	2,137,490			112,755	-		2,250,245	400		2,250,645	1,026,704
Water Supplies	2,813,319			75,119	6,200		2,894,638	229,567		3,124,205	1,314,100
Sewer Services	1,035,155			(5,600)	6,200		1,035,755	39,202		1,074,957	438,412
Recreation & Culture	1,746,846			239,350	-		1,986,196	60,215		2,046,411	987,161
Manufacturing & Construction	-			-	-		-	-		-	-
Transport & Communication	9,838,370			77,292	748,855		10,664,517			10,664,517	3,537,081
Economic Affairs	1,875,815			133,458	(78,821)		1,930,452	32,500		1,962,952	1,039,501
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	23,952,795	-	-	1,483,141	637,225	-	26,073,161	126,020		26,199,181	9,616,686
Net Operating Result from Continuing Operation	(3,344,018)	-	-	(74,619)	8,501	-	(3,410,136)	47,126		(3,363,010)	2,883,728
Discontinued Operations - Surplus/(Deficit)											
Net Operating Result from All Operations	(3,344,018)	-	-	(74,619)	8,501	-	(3,410,136)	47,126		(3,363,010)	2,883,728
Net Operating Result before Capital Items	(3,344,018)			(74,619)	8,501		(3,410,136)	47,126		(3,363,010)	2,883,728

This statement forms part of Council's Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) for the quarter ended 31/03/2021 and should be read in conjunction with the total QBRS report

Bourke Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/21 to 31/03/21

Income & Expenses Budget Review Statement
Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details
1	Increase in Diesel Fuel Rebate \$19,880 Reduction in interest on investments due to decreased interest rates -\$50,000 Increase in Insurance claim reimbursements offset by increased expenditure \$12,137 Transfer Sundry Debtor works to Water Supply operations (incorrectly included in General Fund in December Review) offset by expenditure adj -\$101,200 Decrease in expected Debtor income offset by reduced expenditure -\$55,000
2	Reduction in interest on investments due to decreased interest rates -\$46,000 Additional work under Aboriginal Communities program offset by expenditure \$56,202 Private works undertaken on RO plant offset by expenditure \$217,815
3	Reduction in interest on investments due to decreased interest rates -\$17,000 Additional work under Aboriginal Communities program offset by expenditure \$56,202
4	LRCI grant advanced tree planting program offset by expenditure \$90,000
5	Councillor Fees less than budget due to no increase during Covid 19 -\$6,220 Computer Software License fee increases \$14,000 Insurance premium increase due to asset valuation increases \$16,400 Interest on loans decrease due to lower interest rates on new loans raised -\$18,000 Increase in Employee Leave Entitlement expense due to retirements \$100,000 Decrease in Workers Compensation premium -\$227,670
6	Increased maintenance costs Bourke Community Centre \$6,200
7	Library computer software licensing increase \$6,715 Parks & Gardens maintenance increase \$50,000
8	Back O Bourke repairs & Maintenance increase \$15,000 Back O Bourke Travel increase \$10,000 Jandra repairs & maintenance increase \$9,000
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Bourke Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/01/21 to 31/03/21

Capital Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2021

Capital Budget - Council Consolidated

(\$000's)	Original Budget 2020/21	Approved Changes					Revised Budget 2020/21	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Notes	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRS	Sep QBRS	Dec QBRS	Mar QBRS					
Capital Expenditure											
New Assets											
- Plant & Equipment											
- Land & Buildings											
- Other	1,700,000					1,700,000				1,700,000	-
Renewal Assets (Replacement)											
- Plant & Equipment	1,219,770			(20,000)		1,199,770	104,491			1,304,261	215,090
- Land & Buildings	968,000		3,321,689	2,528,385		6,816,074	962,127			7,778,201	4,433,461
- Roads, Bridges, Footpaths	5,035,885		134,395	11,624,085		16,794,365	1,627,000			18,421,365	6,074,165
Water Supplies	200,000		8,196,877	-		8,396,877	609,302			9,006,179	5,728,513
Sewerage Services	70,000		300,000	-		370,000				370,000	60,972
Loan Repayments (Principal)	1,093,640		-	-		1,093,640				1,093,640	815,094
Total Capital Expenditure	10,287,295	-	-	11,952,961	14,130,470	-	36,370,726	3,302,920		39,673,646	17,327,295
Capital Funding											
Rates & Other Untied Funding	1,781,410		88,000	125,000		1,994,410	15,362			2,009,772	1,262,324
Capital Grants & Contributions	7,205,885		10,762,835	14,000,811		31,969,531	3,204,586			35,174,117	15,053,487
Reserves:											
- External Restrictions/Reserves	270,000		196,877	-		466,877				466,877	45,906
- Internal Restrictions/Reserves	410,000		905,249	4,659		1,319,908	82,972			1,402,880	965,578
New Loans	620,000					620,000				620,000	-
Receipts from Sale of Assets											
- Plant & Equipment											
- Land & Buildings											
Total Capital Funding	10,287,295	-	-	11,952,961	14,130,470	-	36,370,726	3,302,920		39,673,646	17,327,295
Net Capital Funding - Surplus/(Deficit)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-

This statement forms part of Council's Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) for the quarter ended 31/03/2021 and should be read in conjunction with the total QBRS report

Bourke Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/21 to 31/03/21

Capital Budget Review Statement
Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes	Details
1	Grant funds CCTV & lights offset by expenditure\$82,972 Grant funds Furniture for Public Places offset by expenditure\$20,000
2	Grant funds Medical Centre safety fence offset by expenditure \$80,000 Grant funds Medical Centre sprinkler system offset by expenditure \$40,000 Grant funds Mens shed toilet relocation offset by expenditure \$50,000 Grant funds PCYC kitchen upgrade offset by expenditure \$22,605 Grant funds additional pool upgrade offset by expenditure \$160,431 Grant funds additional shades at pool offset by expenditure \$506,018 Grant funds additional for Percy Hobson Mural offset by expenditure \$18,500 Grant funds additional BOB Storage Shed offset by expenditure \$13,843 Grant funds BOB Centre disabled access offset by expenditure \$60,000 Grant funds Wanaaring Memorials & Fish Stocking program offset by expenditure \$10,730
3	Grant funds Fixing Country Bridges offset by expenditure \$1,515,000 Grant funds solar lighting footpath/bike track offset by expenditure \$112,000
4	Grant funds Water Treatment Plant offset by expenditure \$609,302

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Quarterly Budget Review Statement

for the period 01/01/21 to 31/03/21

Cash & Investments Budget Review Statement

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2021

Cash & Investments - Council Consolidated

(\$000's)	Original Budget 2020/21	Approved Changes					Revised Budget 2020/21	Variations for this Mar Qtr	Notes	Projected Year End Result	Actual YTD figures
		Carry Forwards	Other than by QBRS	Sep QBRS	Dec QBRS	Mar QBRS					
Externally Restricted ⁽¹⁾											
Specific Purpose Unexpended Grants	1,244,000					1,244,000			1,244,000	1,244,000	
Water Supplies	2,869,000					2,869,000			2,869,000	2,869,000	
Sewerage Services	2,051,000					2,051,000			2,051,000	2,051,000	
Domestic Waste Management	52,000					52,000			52,000	52,000	
Total Externally Restricted	6,216,000	-	-	-	-	6,216,000	-		6,216,000	6,216,000	
<i>(1) Funds that must be spent for a specific purpose</i>											
Internally Restricted ⁽²⁾											
Employee Leave Entitlements	600,000					600,000			600,000	600,000	
Deposits Retentions & Bonds	5,000					5,000			5,000	5,000	
Prepaid Grant	3,279,000					3,279,000			3,279,000	3,279,000	
Total Internally Restricted	3,884,000	-	-	-	-	3,884,000	-		3,884,000	3,884,000	
<i>(2) Funds that Council has earmarked for a specific purpose</i>											
Unrestricted (ie. available after the above Resi	12,886,000	-	-	45,522	1,671,302	-	14,602,824	1,009,201	15,612,025	15,612,025	
Total Cash & Investments	22,986,000			45,522	1,671,302		24,702,824	1,009,201	25,712,025	25,712,025	

This statement forms part of Council's Quarterly Budget Review Statement (QBRS) for the quarter ended 31/03/2021 and should be read in conjunction with the total QBRS report

Bourke Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/21 to 31/03/21

Cash & Investments Budget Review Statement

Comment on Cash & Investments Position

Investments

Investments have been invested in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

Cash

The Cash at Bank figure included in the Cash & Investment Statement totals \$1,899,752

This Cash at Bank amount has been reconciled to Council's physical Bank Statements.
The date of completion of this bank reconciliation is 31st March 2021

Reconciliation Status

The YTD Cash & Investment figure reconciles to the actual balances held as follows:

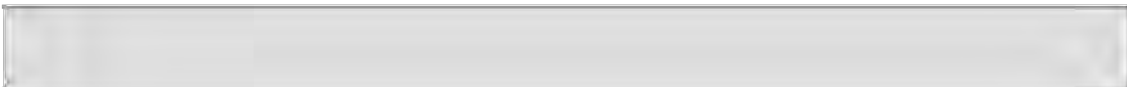
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Cash at Bank (as per bank statements)		1,899,782
Investments on Hand		23,820,810
less: Unpresented Cheques	(Timing Difference)	(8,609)
add: Undeposited Funds	(Timing Difference)	42
less: Identified Deposits (not yet accounted in Ledger)	(Require Actioning)	
add: Identified Outflows (not yet accounted in Ledger)	(Require Actioning)	
less: Unidentified Deposits (not yet actioned)	(Require Investigation)	
add: Unidentified Outflows (not yet actioned)	(Require Investigation)	
Reconciled Cash at Bank & Investments		25,712,025
Balance as per Review Statement:		25,712,025
Difference:		-

Recommended changes to revised budget

Budget Variations being recommended include the following material items:

Notes Details



Bourke Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/21 to 31/03/21

Key Performance Indicators Budget Review Statement - Industry KPI's (OLG)

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2021

(\$000's)	Current Projection		Original Budget 20/21	Actuals Prior Periods	
	Amounts	Indicator		19/20	18/19
	20/21	20/21			

NSW Local Government Industry Key Performance Indicators (OLG):

1. Operating Performance

Operating Revenue (excl. Capital) - Operating Expenses	3363010	14.7 %	100.0 %	1.8 %	2.6 %
Operating Revenue (excl. Capital Grants & Contributions)	22836171				

This ratio measures Council's achievement of containing operating expenditure within operating revenue.



2. Own Source Operating Revenue

Operating Revenue (excl. ALL Grants & Contributions)	18106743	29.9 %	100.0 %	24.9 %	24.9 %
Total Operating Revenue (incl. Capital Grants & Cont)	60500045				

This ratio measures fiscal flexibility. It is the degree of reliance on external funding sources such as operating grants & contributions.



3. Unrestricted Current Ratio

Current Assets less all External Restrictions	20572	5.10	5.10	5.10	4.32
Current Liabilities less Specific Purpose Liabilities	4037				

To assess the adequacy of working capital and its ability to satisfy obligations in the short term for the unrestricted activities of Council.



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Key Performance Indicators Budget Review Statement - Industry KPI's (OLG)

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2021

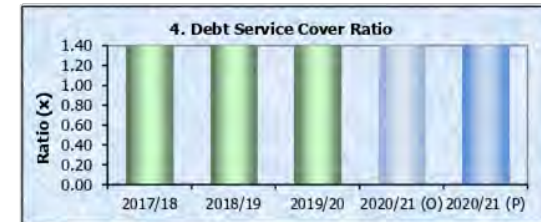
(\$000's)	Current Projection		Original Budget 20/21	Actuals Prior Periods	
	Amounts	Indicator		19/20	18/19
	20/21	20/21			

NSW Local Government Industry Key Performance Indicators (OLG):

4. Debt Service Cover Ratio

Operating Result before Interest & Dep. exp (EBITDA)	2570970	2.04	5.41	5.41	6.40
Principal Repayments + Borrowing Interest Costs	1258515				

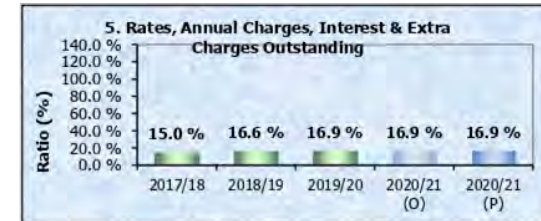
This ratio measures the availability of operating cash to service debt including interest, principal and lease payments.



5. Rates, Annual Charges, Interest & Extra Charges Outstanding

Rates, Annual & Extra Charges Outstanding	854	16.9 %	16.9 %	16.9 %	16.6 %
Rates, Annual & Extra Charges Collectible	5045				

To assess the impact of uncollected rates and annual charges on Council's liquidity and the adequacy of recovery efforts.



6. Cash Expense Cover Ratio

Current Year's Cash & Cash Equivalents (incl. Term Deposits)	22986	13.19	13.19	13.19	17.65
Operating & financing activities Cash Flow payments	1743				

This liquidity ratio indicates the number of months a Council can continue paying for its immediate expenses without additional cash inflow.



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Key Performance Indicators Budget Review Statement - Industry KPI's (OLG)

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2021

(\$000's)	Current Projection		Original Budget 20/21	Actuals Prior Periods	
	Amounts	Indicator		19/20	18/19
	20/21	20/21			

NSW Local Government Infrastructure Asset Performance Indicators (OLG):

7. Building and Infrastructure Renewals Ratio

Asset Renewals (Building, Infrastructure & Other Structures)	7737	165.6 %	166.7 %	213.7 %	67.6 %
Depreciation, Amortisation & Impairment	4673				

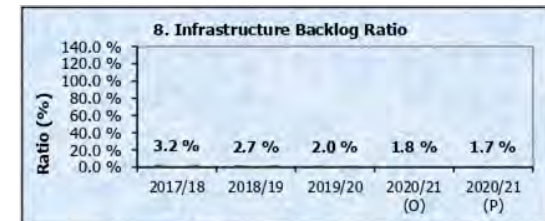
To assess the rate at which these assets are being renewed relative to the rate at which they are depreciating.



8. Infrastructure Backlog Ratio

Estimated cost to bring Assets to a satisfactory condition	4220	1.7 %	1.8 %	2.0 %	2.7 %
Total value of Infrastructure, Building, Other Structures & depreciable Land Improvement Assets	254883				

This ratio shows what proportion the backlog is against the total value of a Council's infrastructure.



9. Asset Maintenance Ratio

Actual Asset Maintenance	4711	96.3 %	96.3 %	95.9 %	90.1 %
Required Asset Maintenance	4892				

Compares actual vs. required annual asset maintenance. A ratio above 1.0 indicates Council is investing enough funds to stop the Infrastructure Backlog growing.



Bourke Shire Council

Quarterly Budget Review Statement
for the period 01/01/21 to 31/03/21

Key Performance Indicators Budget Review Statement - Industry KPI's (OLG)

Budget review for the quarter ended 31 March 2021

(\$000's)	Current Projection		Original Budget 20/21	Actuals Prior Periods	
	Amounts	Indicator		19/20	18/19
	20/21	20/21			

NSW Local Government Infrastructure Asset Performance Indicators (OLG):

10. Cost to bring assets to agreed service level

Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council

Estimated cost to bring assets to an agreed service level set by Council	4220	1.2 %	1.2 %	1.4 %	1.2 %
Gross replacement cost	358681				

This ratio provides a snapshot of the proportion of outstanding renewal works compared to the total value of assets under Council's care and stewardship.



11. Capital Expenditure Ratio

Annual Capital Expenditure

Annual Capital Expenditure	38580006	6.7	3.9	3.9	2.8
Annual Depreciation	5769105				

To assess the extent to which a Council is expanding its asset base thru capital expenditure on both new assets and the replacement and renewal of existing assets.



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Contracts Budget Review Statement
Comments & Explanations relating to Contractors Listing

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Consultancy & Legal Expenses Budget Review Statement

Consultancy & Legal Expenses Overview

Expense	YTD Expenditure (Actual Dollars)	Budgeted (Y/N)
Consultancies	102,214	Y
Legal Fees	1,379	Y

Definition of a consultant:

A consultant is a person or organisation engaged under contract on a temporary basis to provide recommendations or high level specialist or professional advice to assist decision making by management. Generally it is the advisory nature of the work that differentiates a consultant from other contractors.

Comments

Expenditure included in the above YTD figure but not budgeted includes:

Details

15.6 * COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION**

File Number: 12.1
Author: Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Introduction

The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has handed down its determination for 2021/2022 and has determined that a 2 per cent increase in the minimum and maximum fees for Councillors and Mayors for the 12 month period effective 1st July 2021.

Background

Council has previously adopted a policy of paying the maximum fees for Councillors and the Mayor. This recognises the heavy workload placed on the Mayor and Councillors of the Bourke Shire in undertaking their duties.

The Local Government Act 1993 states that:-

248 Fixing and payment of annual fees for Councillors

- (1) A Council must pay each Councillor an annual fee.
- (2) A Council may fix the annual fee and, if it does so, it must fix the annual fee in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Remuneration Tribunal.
- (3) The annual fee so fixed must be the same for each Councillor.
- (4) A Council that does not fix the annual fee must pay the appropriate minimum fee determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.

248A Annual fees or other remuneration not to be paid during period of suspension

A Council must not at any time pay any fee or other remuneration, or any expenses, to which a Councillor would otherwise be entitled as the holder of a civic office, in respect of any period during which—

- (a) the Councillor is suspended from civic office under this Act, or
- (b) the Councillor's right to be paid any such fee or other remuneration, or expense, is suspended under this Act, unless another provision of this Act specifically authorises payment to be made, or specifically permits a person to authorise payment to be made, when the suspension is terminated.

249 Fixing and payment of annual fees for the Mayor

- (1) A Council must pay the Mayor an annual fee.
- (2) The annual fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor as a Councillor.
- (3) A Council may fix the annual fee and, if it does so, it must fix the annual fee in accordance with the appropriate determination of the Remuneration Tribunal.
- (4) A Council that does not fix the annual fee must pay the appropriate minimum fee determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.
- (5) A Council may pay the deputy Mayor (if there is one) a fee determined by the Council for such time as the deputy Mayor acts in the office of the Mayor. The amount of the fee so paid must be deducted from the Mayor's annual fee.

Current Situation**Determination No. 2- Determination Pursuant to Section 241 of Fees for Councillors and Mayors**

2 Pursuant to s.241 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the annual fees to be paid in each of the categories to Councillors, Mayors, Members and Chairpersons of County Councils effective on and from 1 July 2021 are determined as follows:-

Table 4: Fees for General Purpose and County Councils

Category		Councillor/Member Annual Fee		Mayor/Chairperson Additional Fee*	
		Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
General Purpose Councils - Metropolitan	Principal CBD	28,190	41,340	172,480	226,960
	Major CBD	18,800	34,820	39,940	112,520
	Metropolitan Large	18,800	31,020	39,940	90,370
	Metropolitan Medium	14,100	26,310	29,950	69,900
	Metropolitan Small	9,370	20,690	19,970	45,110
General Purpose Councils - Non-metropolitan	Major Regional City	18,800	32,680	39,940	101,800
	Major Strategic Area	18,800	32,680	39,940	101,800
	Regional Strategic Area	18,800	31,020	39,940	90,370
	Regional Centre	14,100	24,810	29,330	61,280
	Regional Rural	9,370	20,690	19,970	45,140
	Rural	9,370	12,400	9,980	27,060
County Councils	Water	1,860	10,340	4,000	16,990
	Other	1,860	6,180	4,000	11,280

3 *This fee must be paid in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor/Chairperson as a Councillor/Member (s.249(2)).

Financial Implications

At the March Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council resolved that in the compilation of the 2021/2022 Operational Plan that the fee paid to Councillor be the maximum amount. The maximum fee for both the Mayor and Councillors is included in the draft Operational Plan.

Recommendation

That Council pay the maximum fee prescribed for a Rural Councillor and the maximum fee applicable to the Mayor, within the Rural Group as applicable to Bourke Shire, with those fees being \$12,400 and \$27,060 respectively to the Councillors and Mayor.

15.7 * GRANT FUNDING - STANDING STORIES**

File Number: G4.
Author: Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

A funding application was developed and submitted to the Environment and Tourism Fund in 2019 to fund the “Standing Stories” project. The project once completed will see a series of ‘plinth mounted sculptures’ in a space along the Darling River. Council has received confirmation that the application for funding is now successful.

Each of the sculptures will represent a different aspect of the various Aboriginal stories and perspectives relevant to the community.

The sculptures will be mounted on a series of fixed ‘plinths’ which will restrict access and ensure that the visual elements of the sculpture are enhanced, with minimum risk to the works or the public. The story-teller will work with the artist/sculptor to create an art work that reflects the story.

In total for this project there will be up to 12 sculptures, however the walk can be added to at any time in the future as funding for this project becomes available.

Funding has now also been received for a “Self-Walk Tour” to include signage in places of interest including Poets Corner, Wal Mitchell Wharf Precinct, Captains House, St Ignatius Convent, to name a few. The signage for this project will highlight places of interest incorporating a walk from Bourke Wharf to the Back O’ Bourke Exhibition Centre along the river incorporating the transport history of Bourke.

Current Situation

The two (2) projects will bring another opportunity for visitors to stay and learn about our history both culturally and since the development of Bourke.

As they are very different in nature, a review of the “Standing Stories” projects was discussed with the artist involved and it was determined that a Sculpture Park would be the best option for this project.

The area currently under consideration for the sculpture park is the Health and Wellbeing walking track that will be completed at the back of the Back O’ Bourke Exhibition centre. The sculptures and their stories would be strategically placed around the walking track within the vicinity of the Darling River. During periods of flood they would be removed and stored.

This will provide a link from the Back O’ Bourke Centre to the Health and Wellbeing area. It is expected that there will be increased foot traffic between the two (2) that in turn will increase tourist and visitor time spent in Bourke.

Financial Implications

The two (2) projects are both grant funded. There is not expected to be any additional costs incurred due to the change of location.

Recommendation

- 1. That Council endorse the change of location for the Standing Stories Project with the Sculpture Park being incorporated within the Health and Wellbeing facility at the back of the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre facility.**

15.8 * STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES ROUND 4**

File Number: G4.86
Author: Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

Applications for Round 4 of the NSW Governments Stronger Country Communities Program are open. Guidelines and information about eligible applicants are available on the Regional Growth Fund website.

Bourke Shire Council has previously completed the following projects through the NSW Governments Stronger Country Communities Programs:

Round 1 (\$509K)	Davidson Oval Canteen and lights, North Bourke Precinct (toilets, shade, playground)
Round 2 (\$1.79M)	Wharf Precinct; Bourke to B’O’B walking paths, village beautification, Olympic pool, Welcome to Bourke Signs, 2WEB upgrade
Round 3 (\$764K)	Growing Bourke (Signage), Kids bike track Central Park, Fence around Davidson Oval, Standing Stories Sculptures.

Round Four funding allocation for Bourke Shire was announced on Monday, 3 May 2021, with the grant allocation for Bourke being \$769,409.00.

Round 4 of the \$100 million Stronger Country Communities Fund has a regional sports focus, with up to \$50 million to be made available for the delivery and enhancement of women’s sporting facilities, including change rooms. The remaining \$50 million will be made available for further high quality community amenity and sports-related infrastructure projects to meet strong demand. The NSW Governments priority is the engagement of women in sport.

Current Situation

Council Management have reviewed the guidelines and have identified the following projects to be upgraded to provide benefit to women in sport as per the guidelines.

The proposed project can be completed within the grant timelines.

- Project 1 – Female Change Rooms at Davidson Oval
- Project 2 – Female Jockey Rooms at J.B. Renshaw Sporting Complex

Project 1

Currently when women play sport at Davidson Oval they are required to share change rooms with the men. The showers are not appropriate for both male and female usage at the one time. The new facility would be purpose built into the hill closer to Hope Street behind the PCYC. It is expected to house both home and away teams with showers and toilets. A small kitchenette and community area will allow for team meetings and could provide a for a small club house area – this area would double as an area for women to care for children during sporting events.

Project 2

When events are held at the Renshaw facility to accommodate female participation Council is required at times to provide a caravan for changing facilities. The facilities are not conducive to female participation and the availability of funding to upgrade the Secretary's office will finalise the total upgrade to the Renshaw area.

It is proposed that the current structure would be removed and a new purpose built facility would include ladies and men's toilets, showers and change facilities, kitchenette, and share areas suitable for women to care for children during events.

Plans on the two proposed project will be developed once Council endorses the proposal.

Financial Implications

The grant funding available would provide for the upgrade to the facilities proposed as Project 1 and Project 2.

Recommendation

- 1. That Council endorse the proposal to apply for funding under Round 4 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund for the following projects:**
 - **Project 1 – Female Change Rooms at Davidson Oval**
 - **Project 2 – Female Jockey Rooms at J.B. Renshaw Sporting Complex**
- 2. That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to review and approve the final proposals and designs for the upgrades**

15.9 GROWING BOURKE PLAN 2021 "VERSION 2"

File Number: P4.1
Author: Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: 1. "Growing Bourke Plan - Version 2"

Background

"The Growing Bourke Plan" is a living document that outlines projects and activities that require financial assistance or funding to progress and continue the growth of the Bourke Local Government Area social and economic fabric.

Councillors and senior staff have identified priority projects that require financial assistance to proceed in the "Growing Bourke Plan 2021 version 2".

"The Growing Bourke Plan 2021" is a plan to be read in conjunction with Bourke's' Community Strategic Plan and is an interim plan to be circulated to community, potential investors and government.

The "Growing Bourke Plan 2021" is a living document and provides the opportunity for amendment and re-adoption at any time.

Current Situation

Feedback from Australian and NSW Government Departments is the desire for Bourke Shire Council to update their "Growing Bourke Plan" and promote this plan throughout other Councils as "best practice" plan for mapping and planning priority projects.

The additional projects added to the Plan are:

- J.B Renshaw Sporting Complex – New Jockeys Change Room and Secretary's Office
- Davidson Oval – New Male and Female Change Rooms.

The Draft "Growing Bourke Plan 2021, version 2" is attached for Council consideration and adoption.

Financial Implications

The "Growing Bourke Plan 2021 version 2" is a mapping and planning tool, aimed at attracting funding opportunities from investors – business, philanthropic and government.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the "Growing Bourke Plan 2021 version 2."



Growing Bourke 2021

Increasing the experiences of community, business and visitors to the Bourke Local Government Area

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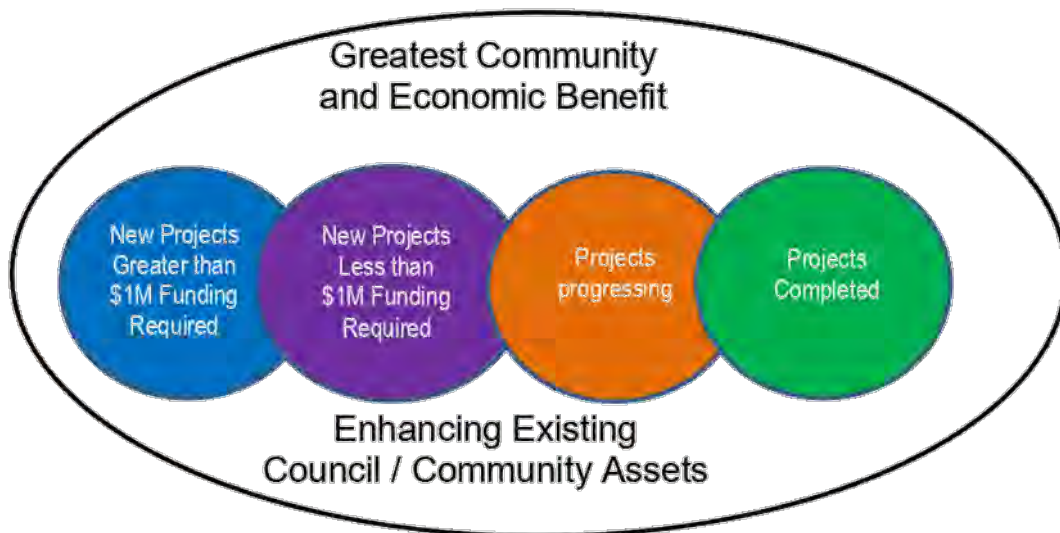
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1. Introduction

This document outlines Bourke Shire Councils vision to continue to "Grow Bourke and Community" through identified infrastructure projects that will result in increased social and economic benefits for Bourke residents and visitors.

The following document focuses on 4 key areas;

- **New projects of greater than \$1M that are designed to enhance existing infrastructure and build on community and tourist experiences**
- **New projects less than \$1M that are designed to enhance existing infrastructure and build on community and tourist experiences**
- **Projects funded and progressing**
- **Projects completed in the past 3 years, demonstrating Bourke Shire Councils capacity to manage and deliver**



As the winner of the 2019 AR Bluett Award (Rural / Remote), Bourke Shire Council has demonstrated its ability to deliver and manager projects of community and economic benefit, making it one of the most progressive Councils in NSW.

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2. Bourke Shire Council – A Snapshot

- The Bourke Local Government Area is located in Far North West New South Wales covering an area of 43,116 square kilometres
- It is the third largest Shire in New South Wales and to give the area some context it is the same area as Denmark and approximately two thirds the size of Tasmania
- Bourke is 762 kilometres from Sydney and 360 kilometres from Dubbo.
- The shire population at the 2016 census was 2833 with an indigenous population of approximately 30 percent
- Bourke LGA also contains the villages of Louth, Byrock, Enngonia Fords Bridge and Wanaaring with agricultural industries being the primary source of employment along with government services and to a lesser extent retail and tourism services
- The area is the traditional home of the Ngemba people along the Darling River and the Murrwarri people in the north of the Shire, with approximately 21 distinct Aboriginal tribal groups in the area
- Agriculture including cotton, sheep and wool, cattle and goats being prominent with a recently opened goat abattoir providing optimism for a significant economic impact from this source. In addition to agriculture, tourism, the retail sector and the Government sector are all major employers
- Council has an operating expenditure of approximately 25 Million Dollars
- Bourke Shire Council has a capital expenditure budget of over \$10 million per year which is likely to continue

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3. Growing Bourke – Community and Economic Benefit

Through strategic planning and development, Bourke Shire Council aims to increase the number of visitors coming to the region and to ensure that they have a quality experience while in Bourke.

Through this planning and development, we will increase the welfare of the town through greater visitor spending and pass on our rich history and experiences.

Bourke Tourism Strategy 2009

Bourke Shire Council recognises the need to enhance tourist experiences in Bourke as a critical economic stimulus for the local economy. Tourism is a vital part of the Bourke economy, with most businesses being direct or indirect beneficiaries – more visitors, more foot traffic, more spending in Bourke, means more economic activity in the community.

This will be achieved by:

- Acknowledge and promote Aboriginal Heritage and Culture
- Improve access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the CBD of Bourke
- Ensure there are facilities for all visitors and tourists – children, families, couples, aged and disabled – that provide engagement and access
- Enhance visitor experiences with a push / pull strategy to encourage visitors to spend more time in the CBD, resulting in increased foot traffic for businesses
- Maintain existing infrastructure now and into the future
- Ensure infrastructure is suitable for community “needs” not “wants” into the future and ensure new infrastructure is within Councils means to maintain

4. New Projects < \$1M

Louth Village Hall \$200,000

Cost	\$200K
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	New corrugated shed, concrete floor, insulated with capacity to hold 100 people with toilet facilities located at -30.5351828028625, 145.1163004397214

Bourke Swimming Pool and Entry and Kiosk \$300,000

Cost	\$300K
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	New Kiosk, entrance and turn styles to Bourke Swimming Pool located at -30.092353941252426, 145.94486366628414

North Bourke Walk – Stage 4 (North Bourke Bridge to Kidman Camp) \$300,000

Cost	\$300,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Pedestrian / Bike way from North Bourke Bridge to Kidman Camp / Jandra Pontoon to link CBD to North Bourke. -30.055636642207293, 145.95148683110455 to -30.049202107156223, 145.96175157222066

CCTV Camera Network - \$35,000

Cost	\$35,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Upgrade and link NSW Police with BSC CCTV Network -30.090200683901152, 145.93721774251435

Replace SES / VRA Shed - \$100,000

Cost	\$100,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Located at 69 Darling St, Bourke -30.088532776731117, 145.94778157614766

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Bourke Golf Club Watering System - \$250,000

Cost	\$250,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	New Watering System for greens at Bourke Golf Club located at -30.095823917960757, 145.93551274723694

Renshaw Oval / Bourke Showground Catering Facility - \$250,000 – FUNDED, NSW Crown Reserves Fund

Cost	\$250,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Shed, concrete floor, cool room, seating, electrical and water to be built at Renshaw Oval. Located at -30.0974976943171, 145.92586374104397

Car Park Shade at Bourke Swimming Pool - \$100,000 – FUNDED, LCRI Round 2

Cost	\$100,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	60mt cantilever shade structure to be built at Bourke Swimming Pool to ensure shade during summer. Located at -30.092384591924088, 145.94492215974242

Shade Structure at Bourke Swimming Pool - \$350,000 - FUNDED, LCRI Round 2

Cost	\$350,000
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Shade structure to be built at Bourke Swimming Pool to ensure shade during summer. Located at -30.09281945058376, 145.94485483014347

Tennis Courts LED Lighting Replacement - \$35,000

Cost	\$35,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Replace lighting at Central Park tennis Court with LED lighting Located at -30.089667421165736, 145.9395367407975

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Solar Pedestrian Lights – Bourke Wharf to BOB (1.6km) - \$112,000 - FUNDED, LCRI Round 2

Cost	\$112,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	1.6km – 50mt apart = 32 poles @ \$3,500 installed - \$112,000 Start -30.087784581986107, 145.93558408312575, finish -30.08047842221309, 145.94932772216848

Solar Pedestrian Lights – BOB to North Bourke Bridge (4km) - \$280,000

Cost	\$300,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	4km – 50mt apart = 80 poles @ \$3,500 installed - \$280,000 Start -30.07996780637853, 145.9506259112911 finish -30.055951925829298, 145.95207350192157

Public Toilets Bourke Men’s Shed - \$50,000 - FUNDED, LCRI Round 2

Cost	\$50,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Relocation of Wharf public toilets to rear of Bourke Men’s Shed for public access, wheelchair access and footpaths. Located at -30.088189486178393, 145.93564884185307

BOB Disability Access to BOB Function Centre - \$60,000 - FUNDED, LCRI Round 2

Cost	\$60,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Access from the BOB carpark to the BOB Function Centre is poor – the walkway is angulating, is muddy in wet weather, has no hand rails as it goes up-hill. A concrete path, with wheelchair access is required with improved lighting for evening events. 90mts of 1200m wide concrete footpath and hand-rail is required to meet Disability Access to this venue / \$500mt incl hand rail. Location -30.07928531788131, 145.9496834767101

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Security Fence Bourke Medical Precinct - \$80,000 - FUNDED, LCRI Round 2

Cost	\$80,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Security fencing around Bourke Medical Precinct – 270mt x 7ft steel security fencing, electric vehicle access gate and 4 x pedestrian access gates (270 x \$235mt = \$63,450 + Gate) Located at -30.087992547957153, 145.9399091260477

Automated sprinkler system at Bourke Medical Precinct - \$40,000 - FUNDED, LCRI Round 2

Cost	\$40,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Automated watering system, Located at -30.087992547957153, 145.9399091260477

Fence Historical Cemeteries in Bourke LGA - \$45,000

Cost	\$45,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Stock fencing – various locations throughout LGA

Waterslide at Bourke Swimming Pool - \$500,000

Cost	\$500,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Located at -30.092384591924088, 145.94492215974242

Kerb and Gutter Replacement Program Bourke - \$550,000

Cost	\$550,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Various Locations

Technology upgrade for Bourke Library - \$50,000

Cost	\$50,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	IT connections and hardware update. Located at -30.08929244417078, 145.94037199347574

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Car Park Shade Oxley Street Bourke - \$250,000

Cost	\$250,000
Time to complete	18 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Multiple cantilever shade structures to be built in Oxley Street Bourke to ensure shade during summer. Located at -30.089857062819064, 145.9354226125754

Standing Stories- Aboriginal History – Stage 3 - \$200,000 - FUNDED, Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund - Stream 4 - RNSW1262 Bourke Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Arts Hub

Cost	\$200,000
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Additional 6 standing stories Art Installations. Located at -30.08417415860657, 145.94362448122243

Bourke Men’s Shed Upgrade – New Roof - \$150,000

Cost	\$150,000
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	New Roof, gutters, drainage for building. Located at -30.088421897792855, 145.9356237130219

Back O Bourke Centre Display Upgrade - \$350,000 – Application submitted - MDBA

Cost	\$350,000
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Back O Bourke Historical Installation renewal. Located at -30.080418047015794, 145.94967181316028

Renshaw Oval – New Jockeys Change Rooms and Secretary’s Office

Cost	\$350,000
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Male and Female change rooms and secretary’s office. Located at -30.097684792944243, 145.9260391394622

Davidson Oval – New Male and Female Change Rooms

Cost	\$350,000
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Male and Female change rooms and community space. Located at -30.0929046091377, 145.94326438858943

5. New Projects > \$1M

Aboriginal Cultural Centre \$3,500,000

Cost	\$3.5 M
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	The development of the Bourke Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Arts Hub will provide direct employment to our local Aboriginal community, will provide economic development opportunities through tourism and the development of Arts based retail products. Located at -30.080880438485284, 145.9491153433141



Above: Artists impression of Aboriginal Cultural Centre

Bourke Program Pool \$2,000,000

Cost	\$2M
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	To be located at -30.092619304565005, 145.94474913343703

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Wanaaring Road – 36km’s (3 stages) \$13,500,000

Cost	\$13.5M
Time to complete	24 - 36 months
How will it be funded	BSC has \$100K contribution
Description	Additional 36km seal on the Bourke – Wanaaring Road

North Bourke Bridge Stabilisation and Restoration \$3,500,000 - Application submitted – Building Better Regions

Cost	\$3.5 M
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	BSC has \$700K contribution. Project Located at -30.055802729134633, 145.95177976523792

The original North Bourke Bridge is currently closed to pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles. There is no pedestrian access across the Darling River on the commissioned North Bourke Bridge.

Post stabilization and restoration the “Old North Bourke Bridge” would be accessible emergency vehicles to cross the Darling River if the commissioned North Bourke Bridge on the Kidman Way was ever closed.



Louth Village Protective Levee Bank – \$10,000,000

Cost	\$10M
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	Protective levee bank to be built around the village of Louth to protect community and infrastructure from flooding of the Darling River. Location -30.53472776801448, 145.11567490997118

Bourke Shire Council Office / Library / Community Hall \$17,500,000

Cost	\$17.5 M
Time to complete	24 months
How will it be funded	Grant – to be funded
Description	BSC has \$800K contribution for new Council Chamber, library, community exhibition / meeting space, Government serviced offices, RMS Services

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6. Current Projects Funded and Under Construction

Project Code	Project	Funding	Completion
SCCF2-0115	Bourke Olympic Pool Upgrade	\$ 1,832,000.00	30/01/2021
SCCF3-0001	Youth Bike track	\$ 70,000.00	30/1/2020
SCCF2-0110	Village Beautification and Place making	\$ 200,000.00	30/03/2021
RNIG2 - 002	Regional NSW Infrastructure Grants - Bourke Business District Regeneration – Stage Two	\$ 1,800,000.00	30/03/2021
Local Roads & Community Infrastructure (LRCI)	Upgrade Carparks & Rest Stop	\$ 176,177.00	31/03/2021
	Shelter for Historic Scales Railway Yards	\$ 12,500.00	31/03/2021
	Relocate Information Board to Nth Bk Pk	\$ 10,000.00	31/03/2021
	Upgrade Fencing & Access Gates	\$ 25,000.00	31/03/2021
	Install Water-wise Irrigation Systems	\$ 164,000.00	31/03/2021
	Rotary Park Toilet Replacement	\$ 92,500.00	31/05/2021
	BOB Fitness Park	\$ 249,726.00	31/05/2021
	Tree Replacement	\$ 90,000.00	31/05/2021
	Footpath replacement	\$ 140,000.00	31/05/2021
SCCF2-0108	Pathway to Nth Bourke	\$ 240,000.00	31/05/2021
SCCF2-0109	BOB Fitness Park	\$ 249,726.00	31/05/2021
Drought Community Round 2	Community economic stimulus – assistance with local events and capital purchases	\$ 105,000.00	30/06/2021
	Community Social Events	\$ 25,000.00	30/06/2021
	Cemetery Repairs and Maintenance (Starlight's grave, North Kerribrrie and Yantabulla Cemetery fence, Cemetery signage, Shade structures	\$ 70,000.00	30/06/2021
	Back O' Bourke Shed	\$ 90,000.00	30/06/2021
	Replacement toilets, kitchen, paint, electrical at hall - Enngonia	\$ 100,000.00	30/06/2021
	BBQ area at Bourke Swimming Pool	\$ 30,000.00	30/06/2021
	Standing Stories – Aboriginal Story Telling Sculptures	\$ 60,000.00	30/06/2021
	Metal Picket fence at Louth cricket ground	\$ 36,000.00	30/06/2021
	Playground equipment and shade - Fords Bridge	\$ 50,000.00	30/06/2021
	Percy Hobson Mural	\$ 70,000.00	30/06/2021
	Repairs to Grandstand at Enngonia Racecourse	\$ 50,000.00	30/06/2021
Louth Tennis Courts	\$ 44,000.00	30/06/2021	
SCCF3-1552	Growing Bourke – Signage and tourism links	\$ 282,500.00	30/06/2021
SCCF3-1541	Standing Stories	\$ 41,813.00	30/10/2021
RNSW 846	Bourke Sewerage Treatment Works	\$ 339,000.00	
RNSW 850	Water Treatment Plant Replacement	\$10,548,592.00	
Communities Combating Pets & Weeds Impact during Drought	Western Division Shires coordinated integrates Wild Dog Program -4-BA2PMRO	\$ 926,000.00	
Far North West JO	Upgrade to display at Back O' Bourke Centre	\$ 985,000.00	
Far North West JO	Upgrade to North Bourke Bridge	\$ 440,000.00	
Department of Justice	Bourke Safe & Inclusive Spaces - Round 4 NSW Community Safety Fund	\$ 115,170.00	
Communities Combating Pets & Weeds Impact during Drought	Western Division Shires coordinated integrates Wild Dog Program - BA2PMRO	\$ 234,418.48	
RNSW1804	Charles Street Reservoir Renewal	\$ 2,206,443.00	
RNSW2434	MR68S Jandra Creek Bridge	\$ 1,515,000.00	
RNSW2435	MR405 Romani to Wangamana	\$ 9,450,000.00	
Fixing Local Roads	Regional Local Road 5, Caronga Peak Road	\$ 4,600,000.00	
Roads to Recovery	Culgoa Street, Meek Street, Sturt Street, Anson Street, Darling Street, Hughes Street Louth, Peter Street Louth, Charles Street Louth, Patrick Street Louth	\$ 1,867,119.28	
NSW Government	Crown Land Management	\$100,000.00	
Commonwealth Government	Lead Council-Wild dog control-Western Division Shires	\$926,000.00	
SCCF R2	Wharf Precinct – Place making	\$300,000.00	
SCCF R2	Bourke Olympic Pool Upgrade	\$1,832,000.00	
SCCF R2	PCYC Upgrade	\$502,394.00	
SCCF R2	Welcome to Bourke Signage	\$12,500.00	
		\$43,305,578.76	

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7. Projects Funded, Managed and Completed by BSC since 2018

Funding Program	Project	Total Project Cost
National Stronger Regions Fund	Abattoir site enabling infrastructure	\$10,000,000.00
Office of Local Government	Lead Council - Aboriginal Community waste control	\$380,000.00
Murray-Darling Basin Program	Bourke CBD upgrade	\$1,500,000.00
Office of Local Government	Lead Council - HR Review - Innovation Fund	\$130,550.00
RMS - Safer Roads project	Pathway and Bus shelter AEV	\$145,889.00
OEH	Louth Levee investigation	\$120,000.00
Regional Cultural Fund	Pottery Shed	\$76,000.00
Regional Cultural Fund	Cultural Arts Centre	\$677,516.00
SCCF R1	Davidson / Coolican Oval upgrade - Canteen and Lights	\$195,900.00
SCCF R1	North Bourke Sporting and Recreation Precinct Upgrade	\$314,232.00
Fixing Country Roads	Wanaaring Road Stage 1	\$11,112,000.00
Public Reserves Management Fund	Enngonia Community – playground upgrade	\$28,380.00
Public Reserves Management Fund	Installation of pool fencing – Bourke Swimming Pool	\$157,530.00
Public Reserves Management Fund	Renshaw exterior of all buildings repainted	\$29,975.00
Better Boating Program	North Bourke Boat Ramp Replacement	\$125,000.00
Safe and Secure Water Program	Safe and Secure Water for Rural and Remote Villages of the Bourke LGA	\$3,400,650.00
Public Reserves Management Fund	Irrigation System for Renshaw Oval	\$140,000.00
SCCF R2	Central Park - Lights, Tennis fence, shade sail, toilets	\$261,862.00
SCCF R2	Bourke Wharf - Structural Assessment	\$60,000.00
SCCF R2	Connecting Bourke to North Bourke - Stage 1	\$100,000.00
SCCF R2	Connecting Bourke to North Bourke - Stage 2	\$100,000.00
SCCF R2	Village Beautification and Place making	\$200,000.00
SCCF R2	2WEB Community Radio Technology Upgrade	\$145,307.00
NSW Community Safety Fund 2018	CCTV and Lighting in Bourke CBD	\$232,580.00
EPA	Contaminated Land Management	\$601,848.00
Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program	Life Saving Program -	\$19,800.00
DCP1	Drought events – new or existing events	\$60,000.00
DCP1	Community organisations (civic, sporting, Village associations) Infrastructure Improvements	\$200,000.00
DCP1	Royal Park (Stage 3 Main Street)	\$180,000.00
DCP1	BOB Conference Centre Transformation	\$150,000.00
DCP1	Toilet at Bourke cemetery	\$25,000.00
DCP1	Rural Addressing	\$66,000.00
DCP1	Central Park upgrade	\$259,000.00
DCP1	Wharf re-decking – Structural stabilisation	\$60,000.00
RAAP	Wanaaring Airstrip Reseal	\$100,000.00
Drought Relief Heavy Vehicle Access Program	Drought Road Rehabilitation	\$300,000.00
Fixing Country Roads	Wanaaring Road Stage 2	\$5,060,000.00
Drought Community Round 2	Race Club – Horse Stalls safety - Renshaw Oval	\$ 25,000.00
Drought Community Round 2	Replacement of Gymkhana hall roof - Wanaaring	\$ 25,000.00
Drought Community Round 2	Cricket shade and spectator facility (Shed, concrete and seating) - Fords Bridge	\$ 70,000.00
Drought Community Round 2	Replacement of asbestos roof at hall - Wanaaring	\$ 150,000.00
Local Government NSW	Roadside Reserve Environmental Grant	\$ 96,000.00
		\$37,081,019.00

16 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Nil

17 TOURISM & EVENTS

Nil

18 DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Nil

19 POLICIES

Nil

20 PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**20.1 *** 'A' DAY BOWLS TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

File Number: C12.5-D5.2
Author: Mark Riley, General Manager
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: 1. 'A' Day Bowls Tournament - Request for Financial Assistance

Background

Council annually supports the 'A' Day Bowls Tournament Committee.

Current Situation

Council has received an application from Victor Bartley, Secretary of the 'A' Day Bowls Tournament Committee requesting financial support to supply prizes and catering on the day that the Tournament will be held, being 10 July 2021.

Financial Implications

Council's financial support in the amount of \$200.

Recommendation

That Council accede to the request of the 'A' Day Bowls Tournament Committee, in the amount of \$200.

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

The 'A' Day Bowls Committee consists of Indigenous and non-Indigenous members. It is a not for profit organisation that helps raise funds for local charities.

Is the Group/organisation based in Bourke Shire? Yes

If no, where is it located?

What is the number of current members of your group/organisation? 4

Purpose for which the donation will be used:-

To pay for catering purposes and prizes.

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

Since 2003 our annual 'A' Day Bowls tournament has brought players from near and far to play in a friendly atmosphere and help raise funds for worthy causes. Also it brings Aboriginal and non- Aboriginal people together which can and does help reconciliation within our community.

<p>Has your group/organisation received financial or in kind support from Bourke Shire in the last 12 months? Yes</p> <p>If yes, please provide amount and details of purpose:</p> <p>\$200.00 for 'A' Day Bowls 2020</p>
<p>Has your group/organisation received any grants from the State or Federal Government in relation to the project for which this donation is sought? No</p> <p>If yes, briefly list details and amount of grant</p>
<p>Rates Donations – if you are only applying for a donation of rates (general or water) please provide the following details:-</p> <p>Property for which rates donation is sought:</p>
<p>Council's Rates Assessment Number:</p>
<p>Owner of land on which property is located:</p>
<p>Purpose for which the property is used:</p>
<p>Approximate number of days per year that the property is used for these purposes:</p>

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What is the total amount of your request (exclusive of GST)?	\$200.00	
Is your group / organisation registered for GST		No
Does your group / organisation have an ABN (Australian Business Number)?		No
Is your group / organisation incorporated?		No
If yes, please quote your ABN		
If yes, please quote your Incorporation No		
Does your group / organisation have Public Liability Insurance?	Yes	
If yes, please attach a Certificate of Currency (Covered by BBC Ltd)		

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

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

ORGANISATION'S BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Name of bank:	NAB
Name of bank account:	Bourke Bowling Club
Bank BSB Number:	082473
Bank Account Number:	50956 1089

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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

CERTIFICATION

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

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

Signed: 

Victor E Bartley

Name: _____

Secretary

Position: _____

Date: 13/05/2021

20.2 * BOURKE & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**

File Number: C12.5-D5.2-B3.2
Author: Mark Riley, General Manager
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: 1. Bourke & District Garden Club - Request for Assistance

Background

Council received a request from the Bourke & District Garden Club for support of the Club's competitions in 2021/2022. Council has previously supported the Bourke and District Garden Club with this annual request.

Current Situation

The request includes assistance in setting up of tables for the Flower Show, the Rose Show, and preparations of schedules, entry forms and certificates for the Flower and Rose Shows and prizes for the Garden Competition. They are also requesting assistance with advertising costs along with costs associated with judging such as use of a Council vehicle.

Financial Implications

Council has a provision in the 2021/2022 Operational Plan for in-kind and other requested items in the application up to \$2,000.00.

Recommendation

That Council support the application from the Bourke and District Garden Club for assistance both in-kind and for prizes for the 2021/2022 Competitions up to an amount of \$2,000.00.



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Name of applicant organisation:	Bourke and District Garden Club
Postal Address:	Po Box 516 Bourke NSW 2840
Contact person:	Elizabeth Kerr
Position:	Secretary
Phone number:	
Mobile number:	0428725768
Fax number:	
Email address:	bourkegardclub@gmail.com

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

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

(Date(s) to be specified each year)

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

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

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INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Please provide a brief overview of your group /organisation:-
The Bourke Garden Club is a not for profit community organisation that allows people to gather to discuss and support each other in regards to gardens and plant care. We have an active Facebook page and share tips for good gardening and also share positive stories related to Bourke and the activities happening in the District. Yearly we run the Bourke Garden Competition in conjunction with the Bourke Shire Council, a Spring Flower and Geranium show and the Spring flower and Rose Show. These shows allow people to enter prized flowers from their gardens and allows the community members to participate in a fun event and socialise while sharing tips and stories with other like minded gardening enthusiasts. The Garden Club coordinates the Daffodil event and sales in the street and supports the Senior Citizens Week Trivia morning. We run fundraising activities through-out the year to subsidise the costs for membership for members as the majority of members are senior citizens and receiving aged Centrelink benefits. If the funds are available, the club donates to the Royal Flying doctors and to the local schools.

Is the Group/organisation based in Bourke Shire? Yes/No
If no, where is it located?
Yes: the meetings are held at the Bourke Community Centre, 63 Mitchell Street Bourke

What is the number of current members of your group/organisation?
Approximately 30

Purpose for which the donation will be used:

The garden club seeks support with the Seniors Week Trivia Morning with set up and running of the event. This event has previously run with the support of the Bourke Shire Council who coordinate and run the day. (Expected to be held 1/04/2020)

Garden Club provide prizes for trivia winners and morning

Garden Club pays High School Hospitality Class for catering of the morning

Garden Competition entries close 21/04/2020

Judging: 28/29/30 august 2020

Bourke Shire has previously assisted with costs for advertising in Western Herald for the competition including advertising competition categories and then for results of Competition.

Shire assists with developing entry flyer for Garden Competition.

Shire donates cash prizes for winning entries and develops winners certificates

In kind: vehicle and fuel for judges to be driven around to judge gardens

Garden Club: pays cost for motel room and food.

Garden Club: develops judges plan for garden entries and escorts judges around.

Spring Flower and Geranium Show and Spring Flower and Rose Show

Bourke Shire: Donates workers to assist with the collection of tables, bottles and items from the container (or members homes until all placed in container and container organised for sale and secure storage). Items transported to event and they help set up area for the events.

Garden Club: supplies prizes, trophies, judges and coordinate the events.

Meetings:

Bourke Shire: Provides the monthly meeting place at the Bourke Community Centre free of charge to the Garden Club.

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

The Garden Club delivers community events for all residents in the Shire to enter. The Garden Competition has expanded to include photographic evidence or short videos which allows all people outside of the limits of the town of Bourke to participate.

The flower shows encourage people of all backgrounds and ages to enter and join together to socialise and share their experiences of gardening in a positive environment.

The Garden Club Face book page is a positive tool used to share educational information and encourage people to be involved in gardening and share tips. It is also used to highlight positive events and personal achievements of local residents and portray Bourke in a positive way.

The club meets monthly at the Bourke Community Centre and allows socialisation for a group of people to share information related to gardening and is a sociable opportunity for those that do not leave home often, to feel welcome and safe.

Has your group/organisation received financial or in kind support from Bourke Shire in the last 12 months? Yes **YES**
No

If yes, please provide amount and details of purpose:

In Kind:

Use of the Bourke Community Centre for monthly meetings.

Competitions were not run in 2019 due to the ongoing drought.

Has your group/organisation received any grants from the State or Federal Government in relation to the project for which this donation is sought? Yes **NO** NO

If yes, briefly list details and amount of grant

Rates Donations - if you are only applying for a donation of rates (general or water) please provide the following details:-

Property for which rates donation is sought:

Council's Rates Assessment Number:

Owner of land on which property is located:
Purpose for which the property is used:
Approximate number of days per year that the property is used for these purposes:



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What is the total amount of your request (exclusive of GST)?	\$ unsure of amounts used in previous years	
Is your group / organisation registered for GST	Yes	No
Does your group / organisation have an ABN (Australian Business Number)?	Yes	No
Is your group / organisation incorporated?	Yes	No
If yes, please quote your ABN	85889109354	
If yes, please quote your Incorporation No	Y18241-28	
Does your group / organisation have Public Liability Insurance?	Yes	No
If yes, please attach a Certificate of Currency		

To be completed for "in kind" support:-

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

ITEM	Applicant's Contribution	Support sought from Council
A. Monetary		
Garden Competition Prize money		\$
Flower show prizes	\$400	
advertising		\$200
Garden comp- fuel		\$100
Total (A)		
B. Equipment costs		
Garden comp- use of shire vehicle	GC member escort	Supply vehicle
Total (B)		
C. Labour costs		
flower show x 2	Assist set up	Transport items, assist table set up
	Coordinate and run	
	Provide prizes	
Garden Comp:	Assist judges	Develop entry fliers
	Print fliers	Print fliers
Total C		
D. Other project costs		

Community Centre	Use last Sunday of the month for meetings.	Supply premises for meetings.
Total (D)		
TOTAL COSTS (A+B+C+D)		

ORGANISATION'S BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Name of bank:	Commonwealth
Name of bank account:	Bourke and District Garden Club Inc
Bank BSB Number:	062510
Bank Account Number:	10002516

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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

CERTIFICATION

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

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

Signed: _____

Name: Elizabeth Kerr

Position: Secretary

Date: 27 / 02 / 2020

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20.3 * RONNY GIBBS 7'S - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**

File Number: C12.5
Author: Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

Council has received a request from the Ronny Gibbs 7's tournament and Far West Academy of Sport for support for the 2021 Ronny Gibbs 7's Rugby League and Netball Tournament to be held on Wednesday 25 August 2021. It is expected that the tournament will be well patronised event as 2021 will celebrate the 25th year of this event.

Current Situation

The request includes in-kind assistance for setting up the oval on game day, waiving of fees for two (2) hours hire of the Jandra (\$660), and the Back O Bourke Exhibition Function Centre (\$500). The total cost of the support is estimated to be \$1,500 including both the hire fees and in-kind contribution.

The economic benefit for Bourke for this event to Bourke is estimated to be up to \$82,000. The football and netball event will be held on Wednesday where it is expected that over 400 children will participate. Other events start on Monday with a major rugby clinic to be held on Tuesday and a major fundraising dinner to be held on Wednesday evening.

Financial Implications

The in-kind contribution for oval preparation has a provision included in the 2021/2022 Operational Plan.

Recommendation

That Council accede to the request to support the 25th Ronny Gibbs 7's tournament including in-kind contributions for setting up of the ovals and waving of fees for both the Jandra and Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre for a total cost of \$1,160.

To be eligible, organisations must:-

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



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Name of applicant organisation:	Ronny Gibbs 76 / Far west Academy
Postal Address:	610 NSW office of Sport PO Box 2913 167 Brisbane St DUBBO NSW 2830
Contact person:	Ronny Gibbs
Position:	Co-ordinator, Ronny Gibbs 76
Phone number:	0417 663 730
Mobile number:	
Fax number:	
Email address:	ronny.gibbs@sponte.nsw.gov.au

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

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

(Date(s) to be specified each year)

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

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

INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

Ronny Gibbs 75 is a major event which more than 400 children to participate in rugby league and netball. The event brings major economic benefits to Bourke restaurants, motels, service stations and many other businesses. Various events (see below) are held in conjunction with this event

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

If no, where is it located?

This group is based in Bourke for the purposes of this act

What is the number of current members of your group/organisation? 4-6.

Purpose for which the donation will be used:-

This will be used for hire of the PV Jandra for 2 hours (\$660) and also for the hire of the Back O Bourke Exhibition Centre (\$500). These events form part of the program for the 2021 Ronny Gibbs 75.

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

As stated in overview, Ronny Gibbs 75 brings huge amounts of money into Bourke. At an estimate, various visitors will be staying for 3 nights with school clinics and other events. If 100 motel rooms are booked

in Bourke for three nights @ \$150/room, the economic benefit is as follows.

$$100 \times 150 \times 3 = \$45,000.00$$

If 100 people spend \$50 on food per day for three days

the economic benefit to Bourke is

$$\$15,000.00.$$

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

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

What is the total amount of your request (exclusive of GST)?	\$ 11 60	
Is your group / organisation registered for GST	Yes	No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Does your group / organisation have an ABN (Australian Business Number)?	Yes	No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
Is your group / organisation incorporated?	Yes	No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
If yes, please quote your ABN		
If yes, please quote your Incorporation No		
Does your group / organisation have Public Liability Insurance?	Yes	No <input checked="" type="radio"/>
If yes, please attach a Certificate of Currency		

- could be arranged via Bourke Shire, NSW or Office of Sport.

To be completed for "in kind" support:-

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

ITEM	Applicant's Contribution	Support sought from Council
A. Monetary		
PV Jandera		\$660
Back O Bourke Hire		\$500
Total (A)		
B. Equipment costs		
Total (B)		
C. Labour costs		
Total (C)		
D. Other project costs		
Total (D)		
TOTAL COSTS (A+B+C+D)		\$1,160.00 (A)

ORGANISATION'S BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Name of bank:	
Name of bank account:	
Bank BSB Number:	
Bank Account Number:	

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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

CERTIFICATION

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

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

Signed: *D Rees*

Name: *DALLAS REEVES (COMPLETED ON BEHALF OF RONNY GIBBS)*

Position: *ASSISTANT TO RONNY GIBBS FOR RG 75*

Date: *19/05/21*

21 ACTIVITY REPORTS

21.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES ROAD WORKS & WORKSHOP - WORKS COMPLETED

File Number: E7.1
Author: Mark Gordon, Manager Roads
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

The following information outlines works completed from the 12 April 2021 to 14 May 2021 inclusive.

Road Works - Chris Morrall – Engineering Technical Officer	
1. NORTH SECTOR – Denis Tiffen, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
MR 405 Wanaaring Road	Bitumen construction Romani to Wangamana commenced
HW 7 North Mitchell HWY	Reseal completed
HW 29 Kamilaroi HWY	Shoulder widening completed
MR 404 Hungerford Road	Yantabulla bitumen construction commenced
RLR 27 Burrawantie Road	Grading completed
RLR 49 West Culgoa Road	Grading commenced
2. SOUTH SECTOR - John Reed, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
MR 405 Wanaaring Road	Bitumen construction Romani to Wangamana commenced
HW 29 Kamilaroi HWY	Shoulder widening completed
HW 7 South	Shoulder widening commenced
3. TRANSPORT SECTOR - Simon Wielinga, Team Leader	
MR 405 Wanaaring Road	Bitumen construction Romani to Wangamana commenced
HW 29 Kamilaroi HWY	Shoulder widening completed
HW 7 South	Shoulder widening commenced
4 BITUMEN SECTOR - John Bartley, Team Leader	
Bourke Township	Patching undertaken
Regional Roads	Patching undertaken
State Highway	Patching undertaken
State Highway	Slashing commenced

WORKSHOP – Colin Kiley, Team Leader, Tradesman Plant Mechanic			
Plant no	Rego	Description	Work Carried Out
3	CJ15TZ	2017 Toyota Prado	Service
12	BM99KO	2011 Toyota Workmate	Service, replace driver side window and tint
21	CQ29KZ	Mazda CX 5	Service
30	CF76DI	Nissan Navara	Service
32	BM39KN	2011 Isuzu NPR 400	Diagnosed engine light, plug laptop in found fuel problem, replaced fuel filters, clean lines, repair wiring, remove and replace belts and pulley bearings
35	CL32LJ	Mazda BT 50	Service
37	AJ04DM	Isuzu 500 Long	Service
40	CP40FZ	Isuzu NHNQR	Service
49	CL84LV	2011 Mazda BT 50	Service, repair wiring and replace bulbs in flashing lights, replace tail light
50	CL16AC	Kenworth	Service, repair air leaks, replace batteries, repair clutch linkages, gas air conditioner, replace seal in PTO, leaking wheel seal on 3 rd axle, removed wheel drums, brake , hub and replace seals and assemble
51	YII29U	Mazda BT 50	Remove and replace battery
57	CC20UJ	Scarab Mistral Hino Street Sweeper	Service, repair and adjust side broom, replace 3 hydraulic hoses and remove and replace middle broom, carried out service on both truck and second engine, replace bushes, repair air leaks
58	DYU31E	Toyota Kluger	Service
65	BG97LI	2010 John Deere	Replace fan belt, fan,, pulleys, repair coolant leaks
64		2011 Gason HD S/Shift	Clean wirer and rubbish, carryout repairs, remove and replace blades, check over
66	CI37TV	Caterpillar Backhoe	Repair hydraulic leak, remove and replace hydraulic pipe
72	BC YB	2009 John Deere	Repair wiring and replace flashing light
80	K33876	1996 Jakob Industries Industrial	Repair wiring and fit new bulbs
88	CV32LT	Ford Ranger	Service, repair tail gate
92	NX29QQ	2014 Western Star	Truck pulling sideways, found broken diff mount and pulled apart, send to Dubbo for repairs
93	CE53WX	2015 Colorado	Remove equipment and hardware from vehicle for trade in
97	YUB437	2003 Isuzu 900 F3 FTR	Service, repair wiring
102	CV32LT	2019 Ford Ranger	Service
106	63722D	Toro Mower	Remove and replace deck engine clutch, repair wiring, replace deck and engine belt, clean out radiator, repair broken bolts in deck, replace blades, repair wiring

107	73635C	2009 Kubota	Drive shaft came off, ripped wiring, harness repaired, drive shaft
108	63723D	Toro Mower	Repair roof and make new braces, removed and replace pulley, replaced blades, replaced tyre
109	07615C	2011 Toro Mower	Service
112	Y73255	Fuel Trailer	Service
120	YJO28Y	2020 Mazda BT 50	Service
125	YJO28X	2020 Mazda BT 50	Service, replace light bar
130	YWE633	2003 Case 75XT	Repair hydraulics
132	CP22CH	John Deere	Service
139	BR53WH	Caterpillar 950h	Replace tyre and rim
141	XN84BW	John Deere Grader	Repair threads on cylinder and replace cap, replace batteries
156	70071C	2006 Ingersoll Rand	Replace batteries, replace bolts in frame
162	CZ00HU	2020 Ford Ranger	Service
170	CS74ZN	Holden Colorado	Service
178	CO73PY	Isuzu NPS	Service, check over under truck
188	TD35QS	John Deere Grader	Check over new grader, change trailer plug
191	CY21LY	2020 Toyota Prado	Service
218	BR67WH	2012 Hino	Replace mud guards
235		Cumming Generator	Service, check codes and clear
238	TB84BR	2016 Moore Tri Axle Tanker	Repair air leaks
239	TB85BR	2016 Moore Tri Axle Tanker	Remove repair and replace hydraulic coupler
260	CT96NB	Mazda BT 50	Service
330	CZ11HU	Ford Ranger	Service
410	CS64ZN	Holden Colorado 7	Service
505	XN17EH	Kenworth	Service, re-gas air conditioner, repair heater
510	73228D	Smooth Drum Roller	Roller broken down, diagnosed problem, found burnt controller, release hydraulics and park brake, replace controller
521	YN04BI	Moore's Trailers	Repair tarp
555	CY80XA	2020 Mitsubishi Pajero	Service
Staff Training		Health and Well Being Day 10/5/2021	

Recommendation

That Council note the information in the Engineering Services Department Road Works and Workshop Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 24 May 2021.

**21.2 PARKS & GARDENS / TOWN SERVICES / WATER & WASTEWATER
ENGINEERING SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT**

File Number: E7.1
Author: Peter Brown, Manager Works
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services
Attachments: Nil

Background

The following information outlines works completed for the period 12 April 2021 to 14 May 2021 inclusive.

Current Situation

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.
Council Office	General maintenance carried out.
Renshaw Complex	Grounds, facilities cleaned & maintained. Prepare grounds for gun club.
Coolican Oval	General maintenance carried out. Prepare grounds for Junior Rugby Union Training. Prepare grounds for Ladies Rugby Union Training. Prepare grounds for Bourke Soccer Club.
Davidson Oval	General maintenance carried out. Prepare grounds for Junior and Senior Rugby Union. Prepare grounds for Bourke High School athletics carnival. Prepare grounds for Rugby League match.
Central Park	Skate Park - regular mowing & maintenance carried out, graffiti removal.
Villages	Mow grounds, facilities cleaned & maintained.
Airport	Mowed airstrip.
Darling Park	Prepare grounds for Mission Australia Event.
Staff Training	Health and Well Being 10/5/2021

TOWN SERVICES – Troy Hayman, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
Work Requests	Actioned & ongoing
	Weekly sand footpaths
	Weekly Town mowing
	Relieving Staff in garbage truck
	Daily-Main Street Program
	Daily airport Inspections
	Monthly airport inspections Louth & Wanaaring
Cemetery	Prepared graves:- 13/04/2021
Rest Areas	Weekly rubbish removal & cleaning along road side, removed burnt out car
	Mow & poison Sydney Road rest areas
Staff Training	Health and Well Being Day 10/5/2021
	Watering of trees
	Set up signs for Easter Weekend
	Clean up broken bitumen from Coomah Street
	Erect ANZAC flags in Main Street
	Remove tables from Jandra site North Bourke
	Remove old chairs from Council Office
	Deliver crusher dust to Wharf
	Remove old taxi rank pole from Main Street
	Prune over grown trees from Mitchell Street footpath
	Pull down vandalised shade from Main Street
	Crane to Cenotaph
	Close levee bank flood gates
	Mulch delivered to the Exhibition Centre
	Crane to Wharf
	Remove car from Tarcoon Street
	Prune trees back on footpath in Warraweena Street
	Crusher dust delivered to wharf
	Pick up trees from laneway in Darling and Tudor Streets
	Make trip hazard safe in Mitchell Street on footpath
	Deliver cherry picker to Percy Hobson Park
	Remove burnt bins from Oxley and Mertin Street
	Pick up frame for Cenotaph and deliver
	Slashing of laneways ongoing
	Mow North Bourke Sub Division and culverts
	Close Dry Bogan Road due to flood waters
	Remove rubbish from laneway
	Slash Renshaw
	Whipper Snip Anson Street
	Pick up white board & timber boards from library & take to Renshaw Complex
	Load stone for Wharf project
	Gravel laneway behind Franks BP Service Station, due to holes
	Replace Renshaw entrance signs with new sign

Water & Wastewater – Shane Hopley, Team Leader	
Water Supply Planned Maintenance for	
17 Sturt Street	Sewer Choke
7 Culgoa Street	Sewer Choke
5 Yanda Street	Sewer Choke
4 Sturt Street	Sewer Choke
45 Anson Street	Sewer Choke
3 Culgoa Street	Sewer Choke
86 Mitchell Street	Sewer Choke
70 Mertin Street	Sewer Choke
33 Richard Street	Sewer Choke
66 Mertin Street	Sewer Choke
1 Cullie Street	Sewer Choke
17 Moculta Street	Sewer Choke
Renshaw Complex	Sewer Choke
Hospital	Sewer Choke
PCYC	Fixed leak in wall in disable toilets
Enngonia	Plumbing in Kitchen
Pool	Install storm water pit Repaired sprinklers
5 Charles Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
1 Harris Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
6 Warraweena Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
76 Short Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
1 Becker Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
Airport	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
North Bourke	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
Gorrell Ave	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
Louth	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
Charles Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
5 Anson Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
16 Warraweena Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
55 Anson Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
4 Sturt Street	Sewer Choke-dug sewer cleared choke
7 Tudor Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired with 25mm service
84 Tudor Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired with 25mm service
55 Darling Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired with 25mm service
Culgoa Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired with 25mm service
Sturt Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired with 25mm service
Wortumertie Street	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repaired 20mm service
Warrego Street	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repaired 20mm service
19 Wortumertie Street	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repaired main
Renshaw Complex	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repaired main
21 Adelaide Street	Repair leaking filtered water service

5 Oxley Street	Repair leaking filtered water service
29 Mitchell Street	Repair leaking filtered water service
Rotary Park	Install new sprinklers around toilet
Louth	Clean and spray spiders at toilets
Wanaaring	Repair leak
Waltara Bore	Install new pressure pump
19 Adelaide Street	Location for Essential Energy
Renshaw Complex	Repair leaks and check toilets
Tankard Drive	Dug filtered service
Ongoing	Install test repeaters
	COVID-19 sewer samples
	Reticulation water samples
	Monthly sewer samples
	Water trees
	SPS inspection and M&R
	EPA visit WTP & STP
	Water meter replacements
Alice Edwards Village	Routine maintenance & monitoring as per ACP Management Plan
Clara Hart Village	Routine maintenance & monitoring as per ACP Management Plan
Training	Health and Well Being Day 10/5/2021

Treatment Plant EPA Licence Compliance

Record of Effluent Analysis

Pollutant	Unit Of Measure	Licence 100 Percentile Concentration Limit	Dec 2020 TEST	Jan 2021 TEST	Feb 2021 TEST	Mar 2021 TEST	Apr 2021 TEST
Oil & Grease	mg/L	10	3	4		<2	
pH		6.5-8.5	9.82	9.38		10.1	
Nitrogen (total)	mg/L	15	5.8	10.3		11.7	
Phosphorus (total)	mg/L	10	1.67	1.30		1.10	
Total suspended solids	mg/L	20	79	36		102	
Biochemical oxygen demand	mg/L	15	15	12		18	

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 April 2021 was 0.2 mm
- Hottest day for April 2021 was 34.4 degrees
- Coldest day for April 2021 was 18.6 degrees

Recommendation

That Council note the information in the Engineering Services Department Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 24th May 2021.

21.3 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT - ACTIVITY REPORT

File Number: D3.1-A11.1-A8.1
Author: Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

Activity report from the Department of Environmental Services, which includes Developments Approved, Building Services and Animal Control for the month of April 2021.

Current Situation

Development Approvals			
Delegated Authority or Council	Consent Type & Consent No.	Subject Land	Nature of Development
Delegated	DA 2021/0009	Lot B DP 412208 14 McCabe Street Enngonia	Install 25m Monopole radio communication facility with 2 x mounted parabolic antennas
Total value of Approved works for April 2021			= \$36,000
No. of Development Application Approvals for April 2021			= 1
No. of Complying Development Application Approvals for April 2021			= 0

Building Services Report	
Location	Work Carried Out
Work Requests	Actioned and ongoing
Risk Assessments	Completed with every job
Training	Nil
Contractors	Maintenance works completed as required Upgrade works completed as per Operational Plan
Buildings	Maintenance works completed as required

Animal Control		
Bourke Shire Council Holding Facility	Dogs	Cats
Animals in Pound beginning of Month	3	0
Seized	6	20
Surrendered	3	0
Handed in by members of the public	0	0
Total	12	20
Euthanased	1	20
Returned to Owner	0	0
Released from Pound	0	0
Re-housed	6	0
Died in Pound	0	0

Escaped from Pound	0	0
Animals Remaining at End of Month	5	0
Total	12	20
Stock Rested in Stock Yards	5	

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

Recommendation

That the information in the Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 24th May 2021 be received and noted.

21.4 GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITIES REPORT

File Number: G2.1
Author: Mark Riley, General Manager
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

Activities carried out by the General Manager since the last Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 26 April 2021.

Current Situation**29 April 2021****ANZAC Day**

The courage and sacrifice shown by all those who have served our Nation, from that fateful day on 25 April 1915 at Gallipoli right through to current day soldiers, should never be forgotten. Thanks must go to the Bourke RSL Sub Branch who undertook the coordination of ANZAC Day activities in Bourke last Sunday such that the spirit and tradition of ANZAC Day remains strong in the broader Bourke community. I also thank the community for their attendance and my various staff involved in preparations for the Day.

Percy Hobson Mural

What a day last Thursday was for Bourke with so many community members taking the opportunity to leave their handprints on a completed Percy Hobson Mural. Mayor Barry and I were travelling on Thursday from the Western Division Conference held in Broken Hill and all the way back in the car we were able to listen to the activities at the mural as broadcast by 2WEB. As an aside, I was not aware till Thursday that the broadcast area of 2WEB extended so far.

By the time we arrived back in Bourke, the mural was an absolute sea of handprints, and whilst all the school students had been and gone, there was still a stream of people taking the opportunity to leave their handprints on the lower section of the mural.

In due course, Council will have an official opening of the mural and at that point, recognise and thank those people who bought the mural to fruition.

Wanaaring Levee Bank

Council this week determined a course of action in respect of the Wanaaring levee. In late February/early March 2020, as a result of substantial rains within the upper catchment of the Paroo River and projected river heights, Council undertook works to a 200 metre section of the levee at the eastern end of the village that had been removed post the 2012 floods due to the levee in that location being in close proximity to overhead power lines.

At the Wanaaring Village Community Meeting held in February 2021, Wanaaring residents in attendance were in favour of the removal of a portion of the levee from Vicary Street, Wanaaring, sooner rather than later. They advised that the current route through the village was difficult for road train traffic, the existing route pushed heavy traffic past the school and further it meant that tourist traffic was not easily able to access the hotel, when and if it reopens.

Council investigated various portable barrier options but in the end, the best option determined was simply to remove the levee where it crosses Vicary St, store the soil and then replace the soil when a flood event is imminent.

Removal of the relevant section of the earthen levee will be undertaken in early June 2021. This date is subject to there being no significant rainfall in the Paroo River catchment during April – May 2021 that results in high river flows and thus above moderate flood levels in the Wanaaring area.

Cuttaburra Creek Bridge No1

In other Wanaaring news, I am happy to advise that repair work has started on Cuttaburra Creek Bridge No 1 following a road accident on the bridge some time ago. With extensive damage caused to the bridge, Council staff have been able to finalise negotiations with the driver's insurance company.

The initial component of the project is the grading of an old side-track located to the north of the damaged bridge which will be used to provide uninterrupted access for vehicles whilst the bridge is closed for repairs. This side-track will receive a formation grade to allow safe access for both light and heavy vehicles.

Damage to the bridge includes some 60 metres of guard rail and 15 bridge decks, all requiring replacement. When Council initially contracted the construction of the bridge in 1991, it required the then contractor to provide additional bridge decks. In this regard, Council has some 18 unused bridge decks in storage at its Bourke depot. Given the damage to Cuttaburra Bridge No 1, 15 of these decks will be transported to the site of the damaged bridge and installed. Once removed the damaged decks will be bought back to Bourke for repair. These damaged and then repaired decks are then to be signed off by an engineer as being "fit for purpose" such that the decks can be used by Council at some point in the future, if required.

Display upgrades Back O' Bourke

Display upgrading works at the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre are now underway and will continue over coming weeks. Two (2) new major displays are being installed. The first titled 'Reflections of the Darling' is being installed towards the end of building two and has been developed in the style of the entrance to the pavilion.

The second major display installation is labelled 'visionaries' and sits in the third building across from the Hearts of Gold section. This display highlights the important contribution made to Western communities by Jimmie Barker, Pearl Gibbs and Bill Ferguson and highlights their struggles for equality for the Aboriginal community. Direct quotes from these visionaries are used to tell much of this story and while it is confronting it also gives an insight into the founding of reconciliation in this Country.

These display upgrades are the latest additions to recent works at the Exhibition Centre including the development of the visitor's centre, café and garden development. The Centre will continue to evolve and remains a pivotal part of the Outback tourist trail.

Mount Oxley

Along with my wife, we took the opportunity to visit Mount Oxley over the Easter Break. After a lot of people telling me how fantastic it was, we were certainly not disappointed as we arrived at

the summit. The view is simply spectacular. We were there mid-morning, and my next visit will be to watch a sunset. The access road to the Mount and the summit is not perfect, however it's all part of the adventure.

I have been to Kakadu in the Northern Territory where there is a well-known rocky outcrop called Ubiir Rock lookout, located some 250 km from Darwin. Call me biased but I felt the outlook and the diverse landscape visible from Mt Oxley was as good as Ubiir Rock, with Mount Oxley being but a 50 km drive from Bourke.

Bourke Show

This Saturday, 1 May 2021, is Show Day in Bourke at the JB Renshaw Sporting Complex. As a Gold Sponsor, Council views the annual show as an integral component of Bourke's culture, allowing the community to come together as one.

In addition to the regular show jumping events, wool and sheep exhibitions, a dog and pet show and a Pavilion displaying the best local flowers, floral arrangements, plants, produce, jams and preserves, cooking, crafts arts, photographs and needle work, the 2021 Show brings with it a full program of entertainment for young and old.

There is a mechanical bull, "Dash for Cash" foot races, a Dog Jumping Team, the comedy act the "Crack Up Sisters", live music and a fireworks display.

Bringing this full day of activity together is no small task. To Show President, Grace Ridge, and her team of volunteers, thank you for what you all do for Bourke and best wishes are extended for a successful and well attended Show.

Mosquitoes

With the recent rains and the impending flooding, undoubtedly there will be an increase in mosquitoes in the area. Whilst being bitten causes annoying skin irritation, mosquitoes can carry some pretty ordinary diseases.

Residents can take action now to avoid being bitten, with such preventative actions including:

- Screen all your windows and doors to prevent mosquitoes from coming inside;
- If you live in an unscreened house or are camping, sleep under a mosquito net;
- If going outside at dusk or dawn, take precautions including using repellent and/or wearing a loose-fitting long sleeve shirt and trousers;
- When mosquitoes are present inside a room, use spray, especially behind furniture and in dark places;
- Air conditioning, fans and mosquito coils are also effective in protecting yourself from mosquitoes;
- If you have a septic tank on your place and it has been inundated with water, you will need to have it pumped out;
- Ensure there are no containers around your place that store water; and,
- Ensure mesh is in place on septic vents.

Quote of the Week!

"The noblest art is that of making others happy"

P.T. Barnum

6 May 2021**Health Inquiry**

Last Friday, Mayor Barry Hollman and Councils Manager of Corporate Services, Leonie Brown, travelled to Cobar and following the taking of an oath to tell the truth, they subsequently provided evidence to the inquiry being conducted by the NSW Legislative Council into “health outcomes and access to health and hospital services in rural, regional and remote New South Wales.”

This high-profile inquiry, which has been the subject of significant media interest in both rural and metropolitan areas, previously invited submissions on the matter. Interestingly a total of 705 submissions were received which, in any terms, is a very significant number and reflects the widespread concern across rural, regional and remote areas of NSW in respect of health issues.

In presenting to the Inquiry, Barry and Leonie focused on three (3) areas, being the need for a clinical review of the health system to support rural and remote areas; for the health system to support medical and hospital staff that are on the ground and; increase services that were once provided in our community.

Of the 705 submissions received, many included the issue of unmanageable workloads and staff “burn out” as a result of the long hours staff are expected to work to cover shifts. A number of presenters at the inquiry on Friday gave detailed accounts of patients not receiving quality care due to lack of staff in hospitals or multipurpose facilities around the area. Presentations were also made in regard to the lack of maternity services available in rural and remote areas, with the opportunity for mums to birth on Country being a key point raised along with the cost and family needs associated with travelling away while waiting for their baby to be born.

Other health issues raised included, the lack of Mental Health Professionals, Drug and Alcohol Councillors, Occupational Therapists and Speech Therapists.

Whilst the Inquiry Panel will undoubtedly bring the many issues raised into a comprehensive report with a multitude of recommendations, the challenge ultimately rests with the Government of the day to actually address and do something about the current state of rural, regional and remote health and hospital services in NSW. After all, the statistics don’t lie. In its submission to the Inquiry, the NSW Rural Health Research Alliance notes that in 2017-18, “deaths due to diabetes, suicide, land transport accidents and liver disease were all more than 1.5 times greater in Remote and Very Remote areas compared to Major Cities. Linked to this poorer health and higher mortality are major differences in estimates of life expectancy, with people residing in regional and remote areas of Australia living shorter lives than metropolitan residents by up to 5 years.”

Water Treatment Plant

Work continues on the final stages of the construction of the new Bourke Water Treatment Plant. As part of these final stages, it will be necessary for the filtered water supply for Bourke to be shut off for four (4) hours from 12.01am and 4.00am on Friday morning of 7 May 2021. This will mean that filtered water will not be available for taps, showers, toilets, dishwashers, washing machines, and the like, for this four (4) hour period. In last week’s paper, the incorrect day and date for this shut-off was advertised and I apologise for any confusion this may cause.

Bourke Show

From all reports, a very successful Bourke Show was held last week at the Renshaw Recreation Area. A big thank you goes out to all those volunteers who work so hard to make this event the success that it is. Without our volunteers, many community events, not just in Bourke but across the Nation, simply wouldn't happen.

Tooralé National Park

Council has received advice that the NSW Government has recently adopted a plan of management for Tooralé National Park and Tooralé State Conservation Area under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974. The plan of management enables improved visitor access and supports implementation of the Tooralé Water Infrastructure project.

Tooralé National Park and Tooralé State Conservation Area covers an area of 85,251 hectares located to the east of Bourke at the junction of the Darling and Warrego rivers. They are within the Country of the Kurnu-Baakandji People. Central to the ongoing management of Tooralé is recognition of its importance as part of Country for Aboriginal people.

Tooralé provides access to Country for the practice, renewal and creation of tradition, customs and cultural activities. This includes teaching children culture, holding culture camps and involving Aboriginal people in decision making about how Country is managed. Tooralé is especially important due to its location at the junction of the Warrego and Darling Rivers that are both of spiritual and cultural significance.

Road Works

Council's roads maintenance and reconstruction works program continues in earnest with numerous projects currently underway.

On the State Highways that run through the Bourke Shire area, Council has recently completed 3 km of road widening on the Kamilaroi Highway, towards Brewarrina, with further widening of a 20km section of the Mitchell Highway south of Bourke, towards Byrock, currently in progress. In addition to these road widening works, Council staff have been busy with roadside slashing works between Bourke and Byrock on the state highway. With the distance between Bourke and Byrock being some 80 kilometres and the need for each side of the verge to be mown two (2) slasher widths wide, the task is the equivalent of slashing for 320 kilometres.

The sealing of a further section of Main Road 405, being the Bourke to Wanaaring Road, is in progress and when complete in coming weeks, all but 38 km of this important roadway remains to be sealed. Council takes whatever opportunity it can to seek funding for this remaining length of road. In addition to these sealing works, Council is also undertaking repair work to the previously damaged Cuttaburra Creek Bridge No 1.

In undertaking these repairs the bridge is closed and a side-track is in operation. The Repair Program in respect of Main Road 404, being the Dowling Track from Bourke to Hungerford, being 5 km of sealing work, is in progress. These resealing works are planned to be completed in May 2021. On the Bourke to Louth Main Road, a top grade has been completed.

With various rural roads effected as a result of the recent, and now falling flood waters, Council is in the process of undertaking a top grade on the West Culgoa Road, with a recent top grade also completed on the Burrawantie Road from Enngonia to Len Mallon Bridge.

Motorists are asked to reduce their speed in the vicinity of all road works for both their safety and the safety of Council staff and contractors.

Waste Bins

I take this opportunity to remind residents that when placing their waste bins out for collection, to please place them at least one (1) metre away from obstructions, such as power poles or trees located on the nature strip. Properties that are rated for more than one (1) bin to be collected are requested to place the bins one (1) metre apart to allow safe collection.

In addition to this, there have been some recent instances where bins have been overflowing. Council will only collect bins where the garbage is wholly contained within the bin surrounds with the lid closed. If additional bin collections are required, please contact Council on 6830 8000.

Staff Training Day

Councils Annual Staff Information Day will be held on Monday, 10 May 2021. With all staff involved so that all staff hear the same information, it will be necessary to close the Council Offices in Mitchell St, the Library, the Depot and Workshop and the Waste Depot for the day. Should residents need to make contact with Council on that day in respect of an emergency, please call Councils Duty Officer on 0419 722 055 who will take the required action.

Quote of the Week!

“Reaching your destination is more important than the direction and speed at which you travel”.

- R.J. Intindola

13 May 2021

Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 4

The Hon John Barilaro last week announced the provision of a further \$100m for community projects in regional NSW as part of the 4th Round of the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF). This brings the total funding for the SCCF to \$500 million.

The funding available for projects in the Bourke Local Government Area under Round 4 is \$769,409.

Funding will be allocated to projects that meet the program assessment criteria which includes Community Support, Viability and Alignment to the Program Objectives. The NSW Government is also strongly encouraging Councils to submit applications that total up to fifty percent of the funding allocation that are for projects that increase female participation in sport and enhance female sporting facilities. Given this focus by Government, a report on potential projects will be submitted to Council this month.

At the recent Western Division Conference held in Broken Hill, Bourke Shire Council formally submitted the following motion that was unanimously adopted by the Conference:

“That the State Government be congratulated on the provision of funding to rural Councils through the Stronger Country Communities Fund and the tangible benefits that the funding has brought to so many communities in terms of facilities and services that were previously beyond the economic capacity of many councils and community groups, noting that an additional \$100 million will be available in Round 4 of the Fund, which opens on 1 May 2021”.

In submitting the motion, Council noted that the Stronger Country Communities Fund is arguably one of the best funding programs that has been introduced for rural councils. The funding has enabled many projects to be progressed, which had been on the councils' wish list for many years but were unable to be undertaken due to budgetary constraints. The funded projects have in many instances led to dramatic improvements in the social amenity of country communities, many of which have large portions of their communities in lower socio-economic circumstance.

As always the funding is most welcome and Council thanks the NSW Government accordingly.

A Great Honour

I was afforded a great honour last Friday when I was invited to deliver a eulogy at a very large funeral for a friend and former work colleague at Dubbo Council. Mick Wilson was an "old school" Public Works building projects foreman and following his "retirement" from PWD he proceeded to deliver Dubbo Councils building projects for the next 18 years.

Mick came on board to assist when the Civic Administration Building at Dubbo was gutted by fire way back in 2003. Following that he proceeded to roll out project after project for Council. Mick was a no nonsense straight down the line man and his list of his projects over his career was very significant and the value of projects managed would exceed \$1 billion.

Mick was also quite a footballer in his day having played with Cronulla when it initially joined the Sydney Rugby League Competition, played against Great Britain in 1966 for Western Division and won premierships with Dubbo CYMS. He founded the St John's Junior Rugby League Club and maintained an active involvement till his passing. I suspect that there would be some now elderly former footballers in the far west area who knew of Mick Wilson. His greatest achievement though was his wife, their seven (7) children and 34 grandchildren.

At the wake I spoke to Father Carl Mackander, who is currently the Parish Priest at St Patrick's at Wellington and then to former Bourke resident, Ray Collins who forged a stella career in the Catholic Education system which culminated in 2018 when he came out of retirement to lead the National Catholic Education Commission on an interim basis.

Interestingly both Fr Carl and Ray told me of coming to Bourke in coming weeks. Fr Karl as part of a school excursion and Ray as part of an upcoming "teachers who taught in Bourke" reunion.

In talking with Ray, he reminisced on his days in Bourke telling me of some his students who now work for the Shire and of the try scoring ability of Leonie Brown's husband, Charlie.

Relocation Assistance to Take Up a Job

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Orana has made contact to advise of the federal government's "Relocation Assistance to Take Up a Job" program.

Under the program, up to \$9000 is provided to eligible job seekers who take up ongoing work in a new location.

"Once a jobseeker has accepted an ongoing job, this support is available to help reimburse some of the relocation costs," RDA Orana Executive Officer, Megan Dixon has advised.

"Beginning this month, job seekers may be able to receive up to \$2000 of that support in upfront payments.

The changes will not only benefit job seekers but importantly help regional employers who are finding it difficult to secure the labour they need. In Bourke for instance, it would be fair to say that there are "more jobs than people".

Further to this, NSW Farmers have advised that under the new banner of AgMove, Australians could be eligible for up to \$2,000 in relocation assistance when they complete just 40 hours of agricultural work over a two-week period, reduced from six (6) weeks.

"If workers continue in agricultural work and complete 120 hours across a period of at least four (4) weeks, they will be eligible for reimbursement of up to \$6,000 for Australian workers and up to \$2,000 for temporary visa holders."

It may be well worthwhile for Bourke landowners who are struggling to source both short and long term farm labour to investigate the program.

For details on the Relocation to Take Up a Job program, visit www.dese.gov.au/rattuaj.

COVID Complacency

It is quite amazing how, almost out of nowhere and 17 days since the previous case, COVID re-emerges. We saw that last week with a man in Sydney testing positive to the virus after symptoms emerged, despite him not having been overseas, having been in a COVID hotspot or worked in the Sydney hotel quarantine system. Subsequent genomic sequencing revealed the man's infection was linked to a returned overseas traveller from the US. The man in question whilst out and about, before it was known that he was infectious, visited 19 venues over a period of five (5) days, which I understand was identified through his good use of QR readers at business locations.

It just goes to show that complacency when it comes to COVID is simply not an option. Remember to use QR readers, socially distance and maintain hand hygiene.

The amusing aspect of last week's case is that the man in question has been shown to have undertaken quite a trek across Sydney to acquire a BBQ for his house and in doing so, visited numerous retail stores. Various media outlets were suggesting that they were keen to know what product he ultimately purchased as they felt he had completed all the necessary research to purchase the perfect BBQ!

One only has to look at the tragic conditions currently being experienced in India as a result of the virus to work out that this virus is very dangerous indeed.

Election: Non-residential rolls

As previously advised, the Ordinary Election of Councillors for Bourke Shire is scheduled to be held on 4 September 2021. Whilst people over the age of 18 who live in the Bourke Shire area are eligible to vote in the elections, assuming they are on the electoral role, I again remind people who are non-resident owners, occupiers and rate-paying lessees of rateable land within the Bourke council area that you also have an opportunity to have a say in who is elected to council. To this end it is my responsibility as General Manager to maintain a roll of non-resident owners of

rateable land and the roll of occupiers and rate-paying lessees, these being the non-residential roll.

It is not compulsory to be on a non-residential roll if are eligible nor is it compulsory to vote if you are on a non-residential roll.

You can check your residential enrolment at check.aec.gov.au or by calling the AEC on 132326. Contact Council to check whether you are enrolled on a non-residential roll.

Mother's Day

A belated Happy Mother's Day to all the Mum's in the Bourke Shire area for last Sunday. We often don't know what we've got till it's gone, so don't miss an opportunity to say thank you to Mum's.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK!

"All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my Mother"

Abraham Lincoln

20 May 2021

Visit to Darling Farms

Last Thursday along with Mayor Barry Hollman, Manager Corporate Services, Leonie Brown and Councillor Ian Cole we visited Darling Farms to see the magnificent cotton crop and have a hands on introduction to the picking process.

The crop this year due to the rain and flow in the river last year has allowed for the planting and harvesting of one of the best crops seen in Bourke for many a year. It is amazing the difference a change of season makes and when water is available. My understanding is that the recent flows in the river will ensure a further crop being harvested this time next year.

Tourism Update

As a result of the rapidly falling height of the Darling River at Bourke, the P.V Jandra recommenced operating last Friday. With tourist numbers on the increase, there will undoubtedly be many tourists who will be delighted to hear that the boat is again operating. Under the command of Captain Allan Bartsch, one (1) hour tours depart Kidman Camp, North Bourke at 9.00am and 2.30pm each day, Monday to Saturday inclusive, with a two (2) hour tour departing at 2.00pm on Sundays. The Jandra provides an excellent opportunity to re-live the history of the days of the mighty paddleboat era. Bookings are available at the Exhibition Centre or go to www.visitbourke.com.au

As part of the recent Federal Budget, the Treasurer announced that the Budget had been prepared on the basis of our borders not reopening to permit international travel until mid-2022. This time frame, whilst not necessarily perfect for our national economy, will undoubtedly result in continuing levels of high domestic tourism. This is good for Bourke and the wider western region of NSW.

During the period when the Jandra was not operating, Captain Allan was redeployed to the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre where, in conjunction with Groundsman Adam, they have been able to significantly improve the state of the Centres landscaping such that its public presentation and aesthetic appeal have increased substantially. With the installation of an automated watering system at the Centre, the vision of a "green oasis" when water is available, is well and truly on track.

Since Easter the number of visitors has increased, I am sure we all notice the number of additional caravans and camping trailers whilst out and about. Just this week I am told the town had no accommodation during the week, this is a great thing not only for the accommodation providers, but also other businesses that will benefit from visitors making purchases.

Tour de OROC

Following a series of meetings, the route for this year's Tour de OROC has been determined and the group of cyclists will be in Bourke for an overnight stay on 6 October 2021.

There will be approximately 30 cyclists who will form the peloton and they will be accompanied by a support crew of up to six (6) people in cars, to transport food and equipment and also provide awareness to other road users.

The coordination of the event takes a considerable amount of effort and resources and all is undertaken on a voluntary basis.

Riders and the support crew give a large commitment of time not only for the ride itself but also training and obtaining sponsorship.

All funds raised will go to support Macquarie Homestay which provides accommodation for those persons from the Orana Region and beyond who need to travel and stay in Dubbo for medical treatment. Many Bourke residents have already benefited from this great facility so I encourage the community to get behind this great event on 6 October 2021. Further information in regards to the activities Bourke will host will be provided at a later date.

Mosquito's

With water levels having dropped in the Darling River, favorable breeding conditions have resulted in the number of mosquito's increasing rapidly.

By using flyscreens on windows and doors, screening chimneys, vents and other entrances you can generally stop adult mosquitoes from entering the home. Ensure that any damaged screens are repaired.

Consider also using a surface insecticide spray in areas where mosquitoes like to rest. During the day, mosquitoes rest and hide in cool shady areas such as in and around the home before emerging at dusk to feed. Make sure you avoid aquaria and fish ponds as fish are acutely sensitive to these insecticides.

Mosquitoes need water to breed and some mosquitoes can breed in very small amounts of water, such as in the water that collects in a discarded soft-drink can. Measures to reduce the risk of mosquitoes breeding in around the home include:

- Cleaning up your backyard and removing all water-holding rubbish, including tires and containers
- Keeping your lawns mowed
- Flushing and wiping out bird baths and water features once a week.
- Filling pot plant bases with sand to avoid standing water

- Storing anything that can hold water undercover or in a dry place, and keeping bins covered
- Flushing out the leaves of water-holding plants such as bromeliads once a week
- Keeping drains and roof guttering clear to avoid standing water
- Covering or securely screening the openings of septic tanks and rainwater tanks.

Properly cleaned and chlorinated swimming pools are rarely a source of mosquito breeding but neglected pools can be a haven for mosquitoes.

Mice Plague

I received an email last week from NSW Farmers advising that they had joined forces with the Country Women's Association in calling for the State Government to implement a mouse plague financial support package, providing up to \$25,000 per farm business to assist with baiting costs.

The two (2) organisations held a parliamentary briefing last Tuesday week to outline the significant financial and health impacts of the mouse plague that continues to spread across the state, particularly through the grains belt.

The loss of stored grain and fodder is having the greatest financial impact, with NSW Farmers advising that a third of respondents to a survey they initiated reporting estimated losses of between \$50,000 and \$150,000.

The survey results also showed that the costs of baiting so far for some exceeds \$150,000, with 30% of respondents to the survey having spent between \$20,000 and \$150,000 already.

The survey also revealed that the mouse plague is showing that people are having issues with sleeping, which can then flow onto mental and physical health issues with reports of people being bitten and mice also making their way into rain water tanks causing contamination of domestic water storages with different bacteria such as salmonella.

As we would all know the mice plague is not just effecting farm businesses. Regional hotels, retail and food businesses, bakeries, supermarkets, child care centres and aged care homes have also felt the impact of this plague. I heard of a motel well to the east of Bourke having to close because of the rampant numbers of mice and the number of customers being bitten. For some after drought, bushfires, floods and COVID, a mice plague was the last thing the regions needed.

On Thursday last week, I was pleased to hear that NSW Minister for Agriculture, the Hon Adam Marshall had announced a \$50m funding support package with the Minister aiming to "knock these things into oblivion."

Rates instalment and Water accounts due

A reminder that the payment of the final instalment to Council of the 2020/2021 rates and charges and the last water charges are due on 31 May 2021.

If anyone has any queries in respect of these matters, they should contact Councils Revenue Officer, during office hours Monday to Thursday, by phoning 68 308 000.

Next Meeting of Council

The next monthly meeting of Bourke Shire Council will be held on Monday, 24 May 2021 commencing at 9.00am with a Public Forum session, if requested. The Council Meeting will otherwise commence at 9.15am with members of the public being able to attend the meeting in person, subject to social distancing requirements.

Should members of the public wish to speak at a Public Forum, they must first make an application to the Council which must be received by 4.00pm on Friday, 21 May 2021.

Applicants must identify the item of business on the agenda of the Council meeting that the person wishes to speak on, and whether they wish to speak 'for' or 'against' the item. Please contact Councils Executive Assistant, Ms Kai Howard-Oakman on 6830 8000 if you wish to speak at the Forum.

Council will consider the adoption of Council's Draft Operational Plan (Budget) for 2021/2022 at this meeting.

This week in history

I was interested to see that Bourke was proclaimed a township on 17 May 1863. The North Bourke Bridge was officially opened on 4th May 1883, 5 years after the original plans were signed.

Quote of the Week!

"There are few sights more pleasant to the eye than a wide cotton field when it is in bloom. It presents an appearance of purity, like an immaculate expanse of light, new-fallen snow."

Solomon Northup

Recommendation

That the information in General Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 24 May 2021 be noted.

21.5 LIBRARY MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File Number: L4.1
Author: Jodi Hatch, Library Manager
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

The following items for the 2020/21 period are presented for your information:

Current Situation

Item	April 2020	April 2021
Loans	329	594
New Members	20	26

Other statistical information:

	April 2020		April 2021
Internet/Word Processing		Internet/Word Processing	47
Wireless Tickets		Wireless Tickets	5
Number of Visitors		Number of Visitors	452
Scans		Scans	16
Information Requests	38	Information Requests	64
Technical Assistance	12	Technical Assistance/Printing	38
Faxes		Faxes/Laminating	4

- During April the library put together a display for ANZAC Day, featuring information on Bourke servicemen and women from WWII, as well as letters and articles from the Western Herald during the war years. As part of this library staff have researched servicemen and women from the area and put together a slideshow to commemorate them. The slideshow was made available on Facebook and was very popular, with over 2000 views so far. We will make this slideshow, and our previous slideshow for WWI, available on our website.



- We now have a new streaming service available through the library. Hoopla Digital provides access to movies, TV programs, eBooks, eAudio, eComics and music.



Recommendation

That the information in the Library Managers Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 24 May 2021 be noted.

21.6 TOURISM & EVENTS MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File Number: T4.1
Author: Fran Carter, Manager Tourism & Events
Authoriser: Mark Riley, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

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

Current Situation

HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL

Back O, Bourke Information & Exhibition Centre

- Turnover at the centre for April 2021 was up 71% compared to March 2021 and 28% of this turnover occurred in four (4) days over Easter.
- Visitor number for April were up 60% on March.
- Email enquiries for April were up 55% on March.
- Incoming calls for April were up 20% on March.
- Exhibition Centre tickets sold in April were up 120% on March.
- Mount Oxley tickets sold were up 180% for April on March.
- Exhibition upgrades have been installed in Building Two (2) and Three (3).
- Irrigation system is nearing completion.



Jandra Paddle Vessel

PV Jandra sold over 400 tickets in 8 days for April (boat ceased operating on April 8th due to rising floodwaters). April sales were 160% up on the month of March.

Easter Festival

The 2021 Back O’ Bourke Easter Festival was one of the most successful in its distinguished seven (7)-year history, with event achievements matched by record-breaking crowds, excellent financial results and great outcomes for the shire in terms of economic impact.

The 2021 festival offered over 7,500 free and ticketed attendances across more than 55 events in music, sporting, art and cultural events.

The very popular Colour Run, having established itself as a festival favourite saw over 180 participants run, walk or jog 5kms around the town to be dosed in an array of colourful chalk and water.

Acoustic Sessions attracted a crowd of more than 250 and echoed through the Back O’ Bourke Information & Exhibition Centre Café gardens on the first day of the festival. Live performances featured special guest Neil Murray and other performances included artists Sarah Carroll, Beloved Abe, Chris Rogers and Hully and the Yabbie Traps.



Other free events included the popular Street Parade, one of the biggest community events on the festival calendar had over 1000 onlookers cheering on vintage cars and fine historic machinery that also featured the famous Guinness world record holder, Bowden’s Mack truck for towing the longest ever road train of 29 stock trailers and 28 dollies.

Crowds then migrated to Central Park for the Easter Markets for loads of free entertainment with market stalls offering local art and craft, produce, plants, food and refreshments, along with the display of vintage cars and the famous Bowden’s truck.



The Old boys Rugby Union game saw a crowd of over 400 and the Back O’ Bourke Picnic races with over 2000 patrons. The Easter egg hunt had over 300 children scampering through the Back O’ Bourke gardens looking for the elusive Golden Eggs and collecting over 3500 Easter eggs.

New events to the program this year that created a lot of interest saw guided tours to the Cemetery and the Back O’ Bourke Exhibition Centre with historian Paul Rowe proving very popular.

The growth and support again by Council is the contributing factor to the success of the Festival not only hitting all targets for this year but ensuring as many people as possible were able to access the best the Back O’ Bourke has to offer.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Jan		448	560	325	326	302	348	386	782	1109	816
Feb		157	397	271	373	391	220	282	1043	386	648
Mar	810	570	1500	1051	1342	1612	1245	1274	1021	412	1210
April	2507	2144	3103	3146	3849	3118	3114	4024	3166	0	1930
May	2656	2891	3758	3988	4602	4073	3983	4770	3693	0	
June	2952	3216	4492	4275	5437	5199	4754	5634	4490	993	
July	4362	4643	5173	6241	6002	5941	5982	7614	6834	2570	
Aug	4187	4162	4410	4793	5078	4951	5051	5548	4052	1898	
Sept	4295	5074	4275	4764	4489	4532	4246	4676	3601	3325	
Oct	2674	3067	2383	2486	2370	2475	2463	3574	2222	5246	
Nov	1012	930	789	671	610	1031	876	1014	1220	1989	
Dec	386	347	207	242	272	281	255	630	860	1194	
Total	25841	27649	31044	32253	34750	33906	32537	39454	32984	19122	

Recommendation

That the information in the Tourism and Events Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 24 May 2021 be noted.

22 CLOSED SESSION**Recommendation**

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

22.1 * TENDER – Bourke Water Reservoir Reconstruction**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (c) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.