



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

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

# **BUSINESS PAPER**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

### **26 July 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	Inspector Jeff Budd	Darling River Local Area Command



# DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM COUNCIL OFFICIAL

FOR USE AT COUNCIL AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

<b>NAME OF COUNCIL OFFICIAL DECLARING INTEREST:</b>
<b>ACTION PROPOSED:</b>
<p><b>Tick one box only:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In my opinion, <b>my interest is pecuniary</b>, 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, <b>my interest is non-pecuniary but significant</b>. 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, <b>my interest is non-pecuniary and less than significant</b>. 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>
<b>COUNCIL OFFICIAL</b>
<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>
<b>GENERAL MANAGER – required for all declarations:</b>
<p>I have noted the above declaration and I note your opinion and/or the action you have proposed.</p> <p>Signed: _____ Date: _____</p>
<b>DEFINE YOUR INTEREST:</b>
<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>
<b>MATTER IN WHICH YOU HAVE AN INTEREST: (Please provide full details, including item number on Council agenda)</b>
<b>NAME OF THE INTEREST:</b>
<p>Be specific and include information such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The names of any person or organisation with which you have a relationship;</li> <li>- The nature of your relationship with the person or organisation;</li> <li>- 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.</li> </ul>

<p><b>MANAGING LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS:</b></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><b>IS YOUR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT?</b></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><b>DEFINITIONS:</b></p> <p>A <b>PECUNIARY INTEREST</b> 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 <b>NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST</b> 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><b>MANAGING PECUNIARY INTERESTS:</b></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><b>MANAGING SIGNIFICANT NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS:</b></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><b>MANAGING NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS:</b></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"> <li>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;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>

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

The Activities of the Mayor from 23 June 2021 to 21 July 2021 are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Location</b>
23/06/2021	Flag Raising Ceremony	Bourke Police Station
06/07/2021	Meeting-Discussions with Business houses regarding behaviour in the main street	Bourke Shire Chambers
19/07/2021	Invitation to attend - St Ignatius - Teacher Housing Opening and Blessing	North Bourke
19/07/2021	Meeting with Mark Coulton MP	Chambers

**Recommendation**

**That the information in the Mayoral Minute as presented to Council on Monday, 26 July 2021 be noted.**



**7 STARRING OF ITEMS**

**8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Ordinary Council Meeting - 28 June 2021



**Date:** Monday, 28 June 2021  
**Time:** 9.15am  
**Location:** Bourke Shire Council  
29 Mitchell Street Bourke NSW

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## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

**28 June 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, 28 JUNE 2021 AT 9.15AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Barry Hollman (Mayor/Chairman), Cr Victor Bartley, Cr Sarah Barton, Cr Ian Cole, Cr Cec Dorrington, Cr Sam Rice, Cr Robert Stutsel, Cr John Thompson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mark Riley (General Manager), Leonie Brown (Manager Corporate Services), Peter Brown (Manager Works), Mark Gordon (Manager Roads Services),

**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:

Jean Gaffney	Robyn Hams	Nancy Seale
Brett Hayman	Jacqueline Green	Vonnie Faulkner

**4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Resolution 2021/150**

**Moved: Cr Sarah Barton**

**Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley**

**That the apologies received from Councillors Lachlan Ford and Sally Davis be accepted and leave of absence granted.**

**Carried**

**5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cr Sam Rice declared a pecuniary interest in Item 13.1 of the Agenda – Potential Heritage Items. The reason for such interest is that Councillor Rice is the owner of 13 Sturt Street and 30 Mitchell Street, Bourke being properties that are identified in the report. In making his declaration, Councillor Rice advised that he would leave the Chamber and be out of sight during Council's consideration of the matter.

Cr Robert Stutsel declared a pecuniary interest in Item 13.1 of the Agenda – Potential Heritage Items. The reason for such interest is that Councillor Stutsel's wife is the owner of 59 Mitchell Street, Bourke being a property that is identified in the report. In making his declaration, Councillor Stutsel advised that he would leave the Chamber and be out of sight during Council's consideration of the matter.

Cr Victor Bartley declared a pecuniary interest in Item 14.1 of the Agenda – Western Herald Advertising Proposal. The reason for such interest is that Councillor Bartley is a Director of WREB Co-op Ltd. In making his declaration, Councillor Bartley advised that he would leave the Chamber and be out of sight during Council's consideration of the matter.

Cr Ian Cole declared a pecuniary interest in Item 14.1 of the Agenda – Western Herald Advertising Proposal. The reason for such interest is that Councillor Cole is a Director of WREB Co-op Ltd, the publishers of the Western Herald. In making his declaration, Councillor Cole advised that he would leave the Chamber and be out of sight during Council's consideration of the matter.

Cr Cec Dorrington declared a non – pecuniary, significant interest, in Item 14.1 of the Agenda – Western Herald Advertising Proposal. The reason for such interest is that Councillor Dorrington is an employee of WREB Co-op Ltd, the publishers of the Western Herald. In making his declaration, Councillor Dorrington advised that he would leave the Chamber and be out of sight during Council's consideration of the matter.

Cr Victor Bartley declared a non – pecuniary, less than significant interest in Item 20.2 of the Agenda – Bourke Rotary Club – Request For Assistance. The reason for such interest is that Councillor Bartley is member of the Bourke Rotary Club. In making his declaration, Councillor Dorrington advised that he would not leave the Chamber during the consideration of the matter.

Manager Corporate Services Leonie Brown declared a non – pecuniary, less than significant interest in Item 20.2 of the Agenda – Bourke Rotary Club – Request For Assistance. The reason for such interest is that Ms Brown holds the executive roles of Vice-President and Secretary at the Bourke Rotary Club. In making her declaration, Ms Brown advised that she would not leave the Chamber during the consideration of the matter.

**6 MAYORAL MINUTE**

**6.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - MAYORAL ACTIVITIES**

**File Number: M2.1**

The Council had before it the Mayoral Activity Report from 20 May 2021 to 17 June 2021.

**Resolution 2021/151**  
**Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington**  
**Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**  
**That Council notes the information in the Mayoral Minute – Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28 June 2021 and further note the comments of the Mayor in thanking Cr Ford for conducting the May Ordinary meeting of Council due to the absence of the Mayor.**  
**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. The following additional reports were identified by Council to be starred for individual consideration.

Item No	Name of Report	Officer
14.3	Regional Connectivity Program	General Manager
14.5	Wharf Upgrade Project	General Manager

**Resolution 2021/152**  
**Moved: Cr Sam Rice**  
**Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton**  
**That the recommendations as detailed in the un-starred items as contained in the agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of Council, held on Monday, 28 June 2021 be adopted save and except for Items 14.3 and 14.5 of the Agenda, with such item to be considered separately.**  
**Carried**

**8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Council had before it the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council as held on Monday, 24 May 2021.

**Resolution 2021/153****Moved: Cr Sam Rice****Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 May 2021 be taken as read, confirmed as correct minutes and signed by the Mayor and the General Manger.**

**Carried****9 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**10 RESCISSION MOTION**

Nil

**11 BUSINESS ARISING****11.1 \*\*\* BUSINESS ARISING****File Number: C12.1**

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

**Resolution 2021/154****Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington****Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**That the information in the Business Arising Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28 June 2021 be noted.**

**Carried**



**11.2 CALENDAR OF EVENTS****File Number: C12.6**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Calendar of Events.

**Resolution 2021/155****Moved: Cr Sam Rice****Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton**

**That the information in the Calendar of Events Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28 June 2021 be noted.**

**Carried****11.3 INFORMATION TO COUNCILLORS****File Number: C12.1**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Information to Councillors for the period 25/05/2021 to 15/06/2021.

**Resolution 2021/156****Moved: Cr Sam Rice****Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton**

**That the contents of the Information to Councillors Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28 June 2021 be noted.**

**Carried****12 ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Nil

**13 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

At this juncture Cr Rice and Cr Stutsel left the Chamber and were out of sight having previously declared a pecuniary interest in respect of Item 13.1 of the Agenda, the time being 9.22am

**13.1 \*\*\* POTENTIAL HERITAGE ITEMS**

**File Number: H2.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Environmental Services regarding the Potential Heritage Items.

**Resolution 2021/157**

Moved: Cr Victor Bartley

Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington

- 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,  
Brinningabba Woolshed, Hungerford,  
59 Mitchell Street Bourke, and  
Jandra Station Homestead & Outbuildings.  
be potential heritage items for listing in the heritage schedule of the 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, 11 Curraweena Street, Byrock, Brinningabba Woolshed, Hungerford, 59 Mitchell Street Bourke and Jandra Station Homestead & Outbuildings be advised that their properties are no longer considered potential heritage items for listing in the Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012.**
- 4. That the owners of 13 Sturt Street Bourke and 30 Mitchell Street Bourke (Port of Bourke Hotel) be offered the opportunity to meet with Council's Heritage Advisor at her next visit to Bourke to discuss their concerns for a further report to Council.**
- 5. That specific correspondence be provided to each individual property owner as part of the LEP amendment process to advise the proposed change to the heritage status of their property**

**.Carried**

At 9:32 am, Cr Rice and Cr Stutsel returned to the meeting.

**14 GENERAL MANAGER**

At this juncture Cr Bartley, Cr Cole and Cr Dorrington left the Chamber and were out of sight having previously declared a pecuniary interest in respect of item 14.1 of the Agenda, the time being 9.34am.

**14.1 \*\*\* WESTERN HERALD ADVERTISING PROPOSAL****File Number: A4.1-A4.3**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Western Herald Advertising Proposal.

The Chairman noted that there was no longer a quorum present given the Declarations of Interest made by Councillors Bartley, Cole and Dorrington which saw them leave the meeting. Councillors Hollman, Barton, Rice, Stutsel and Thompson were present in the meeting. The Chair referred the matter for consideration to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

At 9:35 am, Cr Bartley, Cr Cole and Cr Dorrington returned to the meeting.

**14.2 \*\*\* TEMPORARY REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY COUNCILLORS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS****File Number: C12.1-H1.18**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Temporary Remote Attendance by Councillors at Council Meetings.

**Resolution 2021/158****Moved: Cr Sarah Barton****Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

- 1. That Councillors be permitted to attend meetings of Council and Committees of Council remotely by audio - visual link in exceptional circumstances.**
- 2. That the procedures for remote attendance by Councillors at Council Meetings as outlined in the report be adopted.**
- 3. That such procedures be applicable for the period ending 31 December 2021 or the date on which the interim measures contained in the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 are revoked.**

**Carried**

**14.3 REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM****File Number: G4.1-T2.3**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Regional Connectivity Program.

**Resolution 2021/159****Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel****Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton**

**That Council note the advice of the Hon. Mark Coulton, MP, of funding provided to Field Solutions Group to extend high-speed broadband connectivity into areas in the Bourke Shire area.**

**Carried****14.4 MARANGUKA COLLABORATION AGREEMENT****File Number: G4.71, C6.51**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Maranguka Collaboration Agreement.

**Resolution 2021/160****Moved: Cr Sam Rice****Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton**

**That the General Manager be authorised to execute the Maranguka Collaboration Agreement on behalf of Council.**

**Carried****14.5 WHARF UPGRADE PROJECT****File Number: B3.4**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Wharf Upgrade Project.

**Resolution 2021/161****Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel****Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton**

**That the report in relation to works undertaken on private land as part of Stage 4 of the "Bourke to the Core Project" be noted.**

**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 Corporate Services regarding the Bank Reconciliation & Statement of Bank Balances.

**Resolution 2021/162****Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington****Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley**

**That the Certificate of Reconciliation of the Cash Book for all funds of the Council and the Statement of Bank Balances as at 31 May, 2021 be noted.**

**Carried****15.2 \*\*\* INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2021****File Number: F1.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Corporate Services regarding the Investment Report as at 31 May 2021.

**Resolution 2021/163****Moved: Cr Ian Cole****Seconded: Cr John Thompson**

- 1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio 31 May, 2021 be received and noted.**
- 2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted**

**Carried**

**15.3 \*\*\* PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS****File Number: S6.29-LD-S3.8.31**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Corporate Services regarding the Pecuniary Interest Returns.

**Resolution 2021/164****Moved: Cr Ian Cole****Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**That Council notes the information received in relation to Pecuniary Interest Returns as presented to Council on Monday, 28 June 2021.**

**Carried****15.4 \*\*\* REVIEW OF CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2020/2021 AND REALLOCATION OF FUNDS****File Number: R2.5**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Corporate Services regarding the Review of Capital Works Program 2020/2021 and Reallocation of Funds.

**Resolution 2021/165****Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel****Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley**

**That the capital works projects previously planned for 2020/2021 as detailed herewith be revoted for expenditure as part of the Operational Plan for 2021/2022.**

**Carried**

**15.5 ANNUAL RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND INSURANCE MATTERS****File Number: I2.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Corporate Services regarding the Annual Risk Management Program and Insurance Matters.

**Resolution 2021/166****Moved: Cr Sam Rice****Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton**

**That Council notes the Risk Management Program review and the classes of insurance acquired for 2021/2022.**

**Carried****15.6 \*\*\* RATES WRITE-OFF ASSESSMENT 01610-11000000-000****File Number: R2.5**

The Council had before it the report of the Revenue Officer regarding the Rates Write-off Assessment 01610-11000000-000.

**Resolution 2021/167****Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel****Seconded: Cr Sam Rice**

**That Council write off Ordinary General Rates and Interest for Assessment No. 01610-11000000-000 for the period of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 in the amount of \$1,374.28.**

**Carried****15.7 \*\*\* RATES WRITE-OFF ASSESSMENT 01610-12000000-000****File Number: R2.5**

The Council had before it the report of the Revenue Officer regarding the Rates Write-off Assessment 01610-12000000-000.

**Resolution 2021/168****Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel****Seconded: Cr Sam Rice**

**That Council write-off Ordinary General Rates and Interest for Assessment No. 01610-12000000-000 for the period of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 in the amount of \$2,305.10**

**Carried**

**16 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

Nil

**17 TOURISM & EVENTS**

Nil

**18 DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Nil

**19 POLICIES**

Nil

**20 PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE****20.1 \*\*\* BOURKE WARRIORS ARLC - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE****File Number: D5.2**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Bourke Warriors ARLC - Request for Assistance.

**Resolution 2021/169****Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel****Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**That Council not accede to the request of the Bourke Warriors ARLC to fund uniforms valued at \$7,174.00.**

**Carried**



**20.2 \*\*\* BOURKE ROTARY CLUB - REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE****File Number: C12.5**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Bourke Rotary Club - Request for Assistance.

**Resolution 2021/170****Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington****Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**That Council accede to the request to support the Bourke Rotary Club in holding a Christmas in July luncheon for the Bourke seniors and the wavier of fees for the hire of the Back O Bourke Conference Centre totalling \$350.00 on 25 July 2021.**

**Carried****21 ACTIVITY REPORTS****21.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES ROAD WORKS & WORKSHOP - WORKS COMPLETED****File Number: E7.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Roads regarding the Engineering Services Road Works & Workshop - Works Completed.

**Resolution 2021/171****Moved: Cr Sam Rice****Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton**

**That Council note the information in the Engineering Services Department Road Works and Workshop Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021.**

**Carried**

**21.2 PARKS & GARDENS / TOWN SERVICES / WATER & WASTEWATER  
ENGINEERING SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT****File Number: E7.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Works regarding the Parks & Gardens / Town Services / Water & Wastewater Engineering Services Activity Report.

**Resolution 2021/172****Moved: Cr Sam Rice****Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton**

**That Council note the information in the Engineering Services Department Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021.**

**Carried****21.3 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT - ACTIVITY REPORT****File Number: D3.1-A11.1-A8.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Environmental Services regarding the Environmental Services Department - Activity Report.

**Resolution 2021/173****Moved: Cr Sam Rice****Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton**

**That the information in the Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28 June 2021 be received and noted.**

**Carried****21.4 GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT****File Number: G2.1**

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the General Manager's Activity Report.

**Resolution 2021/174****Moved: Cr Sam Rice****Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton**

**That the information in the General Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28 June 2021 be noted.**

**Carried**

**21.5 LIBRARY MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT****File Number: L4.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Library Manager regarding the Library Manager's Activity Report.

**Resolution 2021/175****Moved: Cr Sam Rice****Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton**

**That the information in the Library Manager's Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28 June 2021 be noted.**

**Carried****21.6 TOURISM & EVENTS MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT****File Number: T4.1**

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Tourism & Events regarding the Tourism & Events Manager's Activity Report.

**Resolution 2021/176****Moved: Cr Sam Rice****Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton**

**That the information in the Tourism and Events Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28 June 2021 be noted.**

**Carried**

**22 CLOSED SESSION**

At this juncture, the Council gave consideration to moving into a Closed Session of Council.

**Resolution 2021/177**

**Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**Seconded: Cr Sam Rice**

**That Council consider the confidential reports listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:**

**22.1 \*\*\* Sale of Land - North Bourke**

**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.**

**22.2 \*\*\* Deed of Agreement - CAPRA PTY LTD - Proposed Sale of Small Stock Abattoir – June 2021 Update**

**This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (g) 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 advice concerning litigation, or advice as comprises a discussion of this matter, that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.**

**22.3 \*\*\* Sundry Debtors - Write-Off**

**This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (a) 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 personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).**

**22.4 \*\*\* Recruitment of General Manager**

**This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (a) 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 personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).**

**Carried**

Council proceeded into a closed session with the livestreaming of the meeting being paused at 9.55am.

**Resolution 2021/178**

**Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington**

**Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel**

**That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.**

**Carried**

Open Council resumed at 10.18am.

### RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

The Mayor requested the General Manager to read out the motions that were passed in Closed Council.

#### 22.1 \*\*\* SALE OF LAND - NORTH BOURKE

##### Resolution 2021/179

1. That Council proceed to sell to Mr Scott and Mrs Paula Parry, Lot 61 DP 1027306 North Bourke at a purchase price of \$35,000 (Ex GST) subject to the following conditions:
  - The property being sold on an “as is” basis with the supply/extension/connection of water, septic, stormwater, electricity services and fencing to Lot 61 being at the purchaser’s cost;
  - No access to Lot 61 being available from the existing sealed Sid Coleman Drive;
  - Council undertaking to provide a two (2) coat bitumen seal to a standard width along the unnamed road fronting Lot 61 and 62 DP 1027306 within 12 months of settlement of the purchase;
  - That in sealing such road it be acknowledged by the purchaser that no additional works will be undertaken by Council in respect of stormwater drainage along the length of the roadway to be sealed;
  - That the purchaser acknowledge that the subject land is zoned IN1, General Industrial under the Bourke Local Environmental Plan, as gazetted January 2013, with Residential Accommodation being a Prohibited Use in the Zone.
2. That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council.
3. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council

Carried

#### 22.2 \*\*\* DEED OF AGREEMENT - CAPRA PTY LTD - PROPOSED SALE OF SMALL STOCK ABATTOIR – JUNE 2021 UPDATE

##### Resolution 2021/180

1. That the report of the General Manager regarding the “Deed of Agreement – CAPRA Pty Ltd – June 2021 Update” be noted.
2. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council

Carried

<b>22.3     *** SUNDRY DEBTORS - WRITE-OFF</b>
<p><b>Resolution 2021/181</b></p> <p>1. That Council resolve to write off the various sundry debtors which combine to \$7,526.31 as described in this Report.</p> <p>2. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>

<b>22.4     *** RECRUITMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER</b>
<p><b>Resolution 2021/182</b></p> <p>1. That Local Government Management Solutions (LGMS) be engaged, as per their submission, to undertake the recruitment of a General Manager for Bourke Shire Council with a view to a new General Manager commencing in the role during February 2022.</p> <p>2. That in engaging LGMS they be requested, at this point, to commence the preparation of the necessary recruitment documentation with the Mayor being authorised to progress the matter as requested.</p> <p>3. That the September 2021 elected Council at its initial meeting proposed for the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of September 2021, being 27 September 2021, consider the recruitment process with a view to the role being advertised commencing 15 October 2021 and determination of other required General Manager Recruitment matters.</p> <p>4. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>

The Meeting closed at 10.20am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 July 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	

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	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. 5. Further discussions held in July 2021



	with Crown Lands in regards to 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
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
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"> <li>1. Ongoing</li> <li>2. Water use study near completion. Will then make application for additional funding.</li> </ol>

274/2019	DROUGHT – WATER UPDATE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN - MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES
FILE NO	W2.2.9 – W2.2.9.1
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
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"> <li>1. Letter sent &amp; meeting held.</li> <li>2. State Government commits to preparation of Western Weirs Strategy.</li> <li>3. Teleconference involving staff and Councillors held with State Water on 22/9/2020 re Strategy.</li> <li>4. Meeting held with DPIE representatives on 10/11/2020 &amp; 11/11/2020.</li> <li>5. Further briefings on Strategy held 10/02/2021 and 24/05/2021.</li> <li>6. Discussions held by GM with Jim Betts in July 2021 Secretary, DPIE, in regards to the Weir Strategy Project and its prolonged timeframes.</li> </ol>

2020/111	DUAL NAMING OF THE DARLING RIVER – DARLING RIVER BAAKA
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES
FILE NO	R6.5
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
That Council seek further clarification from the GNB 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.	<p>Ongoing. Geographical Names Board GNB contacted.</p> <p>Investigations are continuing by GNB. GNB advised in July 2021 that it would be undertaking consultation in August 2021 in regards to dual name proposal.</p>

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	
<b>DECISION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	
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.	
5. 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. 9. Advice received that LEP Amendment had been made and to become effective Friday, 23 July 2021. Council’s solicitors requested to finalise the transfer of the land to Whiddon.	

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	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Council note the report on the responsibility and current condition of the access road to the summit of Mount Oxley.</li> <li>2. That Council note the status of telecommunication infrastructure located atop Mount Oxley.</li> <li>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 guard rail installation, for a further report to Council including consideration to any contribution by Council.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	<p>Extensive title searches have been completed.</p> <p>Liability issues being pursued by Booth Brown Legal for further report.</p> <p>Meeting held with Mr &amp; 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>

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		
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”.	ACTION TAKEN	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Matter referred to BLTC meeting held on 18/05/2021.</li> <li>2. TFNSW member advised issue was not a matter for the Traffic Committee. Matter referred to GM for attention. GM to write to TFNSW.</li> <li>3. Email regarding matter sent to TfNSW on 15 June 2021. No response received as yet.</li> </ol>	

2019/439 & 2021/33	NORTH BOURKE BRIDGE REHABILITATION CONCEPT PLAN	
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	MARK GORDON – MANAGER ROAD SERVICES	
FILE NO	B6.1	
DECISION		
Council continue to apply for funding to undertake the project	ACTION TAKEN	
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.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ongoing.</li> <li>2. Letter received from Minister Toole 11/11/2020 advising upcoming funding opportunities for bridge.</li> <li>3. Funds as resolved reserved in Councils accounts.</li> <li>4. Applications under Building Better Regions Fund lodged 11/02/2021.</li> <li>5. Strategy prepared for investigation, assessment and restoration of bridge for input into Tourism Grant Application.</li> </ol>	

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		
Council make further contact with the Commonwealth in late May 2021 in respect of the funding agreement.	ACTION TAKEN	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contact made mid May 2021 with Marsdens Legal to progress contact with both CAPRA and then Commonwealth.</li> <li>2. Report on matter submitted June 2021 Council Meeting.</li> <li>3. Awaiting response from Commonwealth in regards to Councils June 2021 letter regarding Funding Agreement.</li> </ol>	

2021/134	22.1 *** TENDER – BOURKE WATER RESERVOIR RECONSTRUCTION	
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PETER BROWN, MANAGER WORKS	
FILE NO	G4.7.79-W2.2	
DECISION		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the tender submitted by Brockman Engineering P/L in the amount of \$2,312,141.00 (ex GST) be accepted for the Design and Construction of the Charles Street Reservoir Replacement Project in Bourke.</li> <li>2. That in awarding the tender to Brockman Engineering P/L Council does so jointly and severally between Brockman Engineering P/L and EVZ Limited.</li> <li>3. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council.</li> </ol>	ACTION TAKEN	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Formal letter of acceptance provided to contractor.</li> <li>2. Work to commence in August 2021.</li> <li>3. Additional funding of \$520,000 received from State Government in July 2021.</li> </ol>	

2021/179	*** Sale of Land - North Bourke	
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	MARK RILEY, GENERAL MANAGER	
FILE NO		
DECISION		
<p>That Council proceed to sell to Mr Scott and Mrs Paula Parry, Lot 61 DP 1027306 North Bourke</p> <p>That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council.</p>	ACTION TAKEN	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Purchaser advised of Councils resolutions.</li> <li>2. Councils solicitor requested to prepare contract with a view to exchanging Contracts.</li> </ol>	

2021/179	22.4 *** Recruitment of General Manager
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	MARK RILEY, GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	
<b>DECISION</b>	
<p>1. That Local Government Management Solutions (LGMS) be engaged, as per their submission, to undertake the recruitment of a General Manager for Bourke Shire Council with a view to a new General Manager commencing in the role during February 2022.</p> <p>2. That in engaging LGMS they be requested, at this point, to commence the preparation of the necessary recruitment documentation with the Mayor being authorised to progress the matter as requested.</p> <p>3. That the September 2021 elected Council at its initial meeting proposed for the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of September 2021, being 27 September 2021, consider the recruitment process with a view to the role being advertised commencing 15 October 2021 and determination of other required General Manager Recruitment matters.</p> <p>4. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council</p>	<p>1. Letter of engagement provided to LGMS.</p> <p>2. LGMS have advised that recruitment documentation will be completed by August 2021.</p>

**Recommendation**

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

**11.2 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**File Number:** C12.6  
**Author:** Mark Riley, General Manager  
**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
<b>2021</b>				
July	26	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
August	23	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
September	4		Council Election	
	27	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber

**Recommendation**

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

**11.3 INFORMATION TO COUNCILLORS**

**File Number:** C12.1  
**Author:** Mark Riley, General Manager  
**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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Information Sent</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Email</b>
23/06/2021	OLG - Invitation for Webinar – Rating reforms and the Local Government Act 2021	Melissa Gibbs	✓
23/06/2021	Inside Local Government	Inside Local Government	✓
23/06/2021	Non Residents Electoral Roll – Important Information and Parliamentary Petition	Michael Andjelkovic	✓
24/06/2021	Inside Local Government	Inside Local Government	✓
24/06/2021	Council Circular 21-13 Review of General Manager and Senior Staff Remuneration	OLG	✓
25/06/2021	Government News	Government News	✓
28/06/2021	Inside Local Government	Inside Local Government	✓
28/06/2021	WNSWLHD – COVID – 19 Update	WHNSWLHD	✓
28/06/2021	Office of Local Government Newsletter COVID – 19 update	OLG	✓
28/06/2021	Council Circular 21-14 COVID – 19 Restrictions Council Meetings	OLG	✓
29/06/2021	Government News	Government News	✓
01/07/2021	Inside Local Government	Inside Local Government	✓
01/07/2021	Office of Local Government Newsletter – Message from Minister Hancock	OLG	✓
01/07/2021	GM’s Desk	GM	✓
05/07/2021	Office of Local Government Newsletter – COVID - 19 Council Update	OLG	✓
05/07/2021	Office of Local Government Newsletter – Stand for Your Community	OLG	✓
06/07/2021	Office of Local Government newsletter – COVID – 19 Council Update	OLG	✓





06/07/2021	Council e-news	Council Magazine	✓
06/07/2024	Government News	Government News	✓
06/07/2021	LG NSW – The Weekly Newsletter	LG NSW	✓
08/07/2021	GM’s Desk	GM	✓
08/07/2021	Regional Development Australia – Weekly Newsletter	RDA	✓
08/07/2021	Government News	Government News	✓
13/07/2021	Government News	Government News	✓
13/07/2021	Roy Butler Member for Barwon	Roy Butler	✓
13/07/2021	Office of Local Government Newsletter – COVID - 19 Update	OLG	✓
13/07/2021	WNSW PHN Primary News Health Update	WNSW PHN	✓
13/07/2021	Office of Local Government –COVID-19 update	OLG	✓
14/07/2021	WNSW PHN Primary News Health Update	WNSW PHN	✓
14/07/2021	LG NSW – The Weekly	LG NSW	✓
15/07/2021	GM’s Desk	GM	✓
19/07/2021	WNSWLHD COVID Update – Bathurst, Blayney & Parkes	WNSWLHD	✓
19/07/2021	WNSWLH COVID Update – No confirmed cases in Western NSW Local Health District	WNSWLHD	✓
19/07/2021	COVID – 19 Update	Transport for NSW	✓
19/07/2021	Office of Local Government	OLG	✓
19/07/2021	NSW Government COVID-19 Update	OLG	✓
19/07/2021	Media Release COVID-19 Update	NSW Health	✓
19/07/2021	Inside Local Government	Inside Local Government	✓
20/07/2021	GM’s Desk	GM	✓
20/07/2021	Council Circular 21-18 Calendar of Compliance and reporting requirements	OLG	✓
20/07/2021	Council Circular 21-19 Joint Organisation Calendar of Compliance and Reporting	OLG	✓
20/07/2021	Council e-news	Council Magazine	✓
20/07/2021	Government News	Government News	✓

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

**12      ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Nil

**13 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT****13.1 \*\*\* CONSTRUCTION OF WATER STORAGE FACILITY**

**File Number:** DA 2021/0011  
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**Attachments:** 1. DA 2021/0011 Plans  

**Background**

Council consent is sought to construct a 452 megalitre water storage facility at “Lucerne View”, 96 Tancred Drive, Bourke. The sites legal description is Lots 4 and 5 DP 134908.

**Applicant:** Mr Ross Williams  
**Owner:** Mr Ross Williams and Ms Jessica Goulden  
**Proposal:** Proposed Water Storage Facility  
**Location:** Lots 4 and 5 DP 134908, “Lucerne View”, 96 Tancred Drive, Bourke, 2840  
**Zone:** RU1 – Primary production

No political gifts or donations have been disclosed.

This report has been prepared by the Town Planner from Premise Pty Ltd.’s Orange Park office on behalf of Bourke Shire Council.

Premise has assessed the proposal in accordance with relevant planning provisions and provide a recommendation of approval.

**The Proposal**

It is proposed via this development application to facilitate the development of a 452 megalitre water storage facility for irrigation purposes. The Statement of Environmental Effects submitted in support of the application states that the water storage facility is proposed to improve water use efficiency and reliability of the irrigation operations.

The proposal comprises the following works:

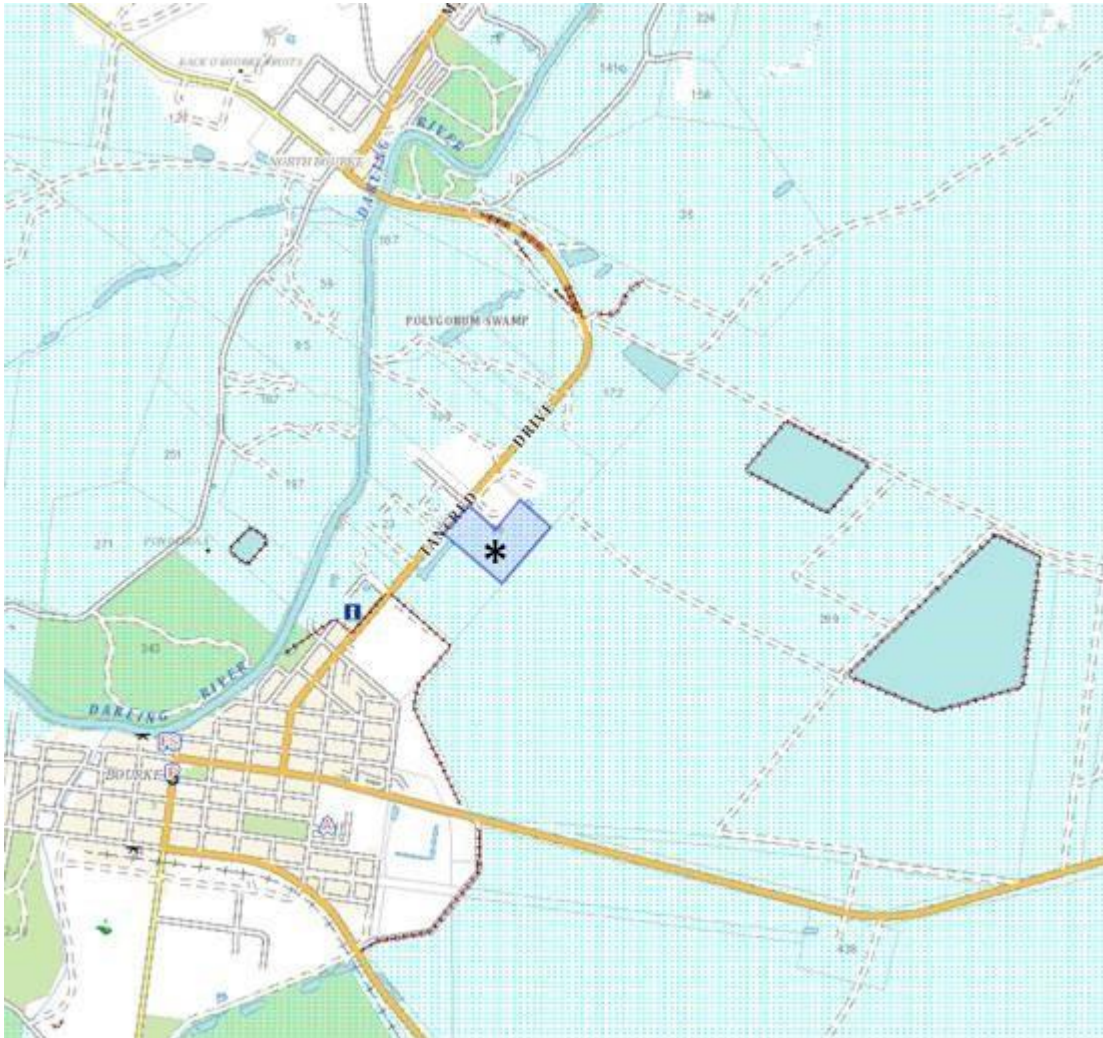
- Excavation of up to 178,498m<sup>3</sup> of material within the borrow;
- Fill of up to 123,776m<sup>3</sup> of material within the embankment;
- Installation of a pipeline and pump station to draw water from the Darling River to the borrow.

**The Site**

The water storage facility will be located at “Lucerne View”, 96 Tancred Drive, Bourke, 2840, also known as Lots 4 and 5 DP 134908. The subject site has an area of 18.38 hectares.

Lucerne View is a small rural land holding that is used for irrigation farming. The proposed water storage facility will be located on the south eastern side of Mitchell Highway approximately 650m south east of the Darling River.

**LOCALITY PLAN**



**\* Subject Site**



**AERIAL VIEW**



**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

The application has been assessed in accordance with Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

**PROVISION OF ANY ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING INSTRUMENT S4.15**

**Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012**

The subject land is zoned RU1 – Primary Production under the provisions of *Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012 (LEP)*.

**Zone RU1 Primary Production**

**1 Objectives of zone**

- To encourage sustainable primary industry production by maintaining and enhancing the natural resource base.
- To encourage diversity in primary industry enterprises and systems appropriate for the area.
- To minimise the fragmentation and alienation of resource lands.
- To minimise conflict between land uses within this zone and land uses within adjoining zones.

**2 Permitted without consent**

*Environmental protection works; Extensive agriculture; Home-based child care; Home occupations; Roads; Water reticulation systems*

### **3 Permitted with consent**

*Air transport facilities; Airstrips; Animal boarding or training establishments; Aquaculture; Bed and breakfast accommodation; Biosolids treatment facilities; Boat launching ramps; Boat sheds; Building identification signs; Business identification signs; Camping grounds; Caravan parks; Cellar door premises; Cemeteries; Community facilities; Correctional centres; Crematoria; Depots; Dual occupancies (attached); Dwelling houses; Eco-tourist facilities; Environmental facilities; Extractive industries; Farm buildings; Farm stay accommodation; Flood mitigation works; Forestry; Freight transport facilities; Hazardous industries; Heavy industrial storage establishments; Helipads; Home businesses; Home industries; Home occupations (sex services); Industrial training facilities; Information and education facilities; Intensive livestock agriculture; Intensive plant agriculture; Jetties; Landscaping material supplies; Offensive industries; Open cut mining; Plant nurseries; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (major); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Roadside stalls; Rural industries; Rural workers' dwellings; Sewage treatment plants; Veterinary hospitals; Water recreation structures; Water recycling facilities; Water storage facilities; Water treatment facilities*

### **4 Prohibited**

*Any development not specified in item 2 or 3*

#### **Definition**

The proposed water storage facility is identified as a permissible use and is defined as follows:

**water storage facility** means a dam, weir or reservoir for the collection and storage of water, and includes associated monitoring or gauging equipment.

#### **Part 6 Additional local provisions**

##### **Clause 6.1 Earthworks**

- (1) The objective of this clause is to ensure that earthworks for which development consent is required will not have a detrimental impact on environmental functions and processes, neighbouring uses, cultural or heritage items or features of the surrounding land.*
- (2) Development consent is required for earthworks unless—*
  - (a) the earthworks are exempt development under this Plan or another applicable environmental planning instrument, or*
  - (b) the earthworks are ancillary to development that is permitted without consent under this Plan or to development for which development consent has been given.*
- (3) Before granting development consent for earthworks (or for development involving ancillary earthworks), the consent authority must consider the following matters—*
  - (a) the likely disruption of, or any detrimental effect on, drainage patterns and soil stability in the locality of the development,*
  - (b) the effect of the development on the likely future use or redevelopment of the land,*
  - (c) the quality of the fill or the soil to be excavated, or both,*
  - (d) the effect of the development on the existing and likely amenity of adjoining properties,*
  - (e) the source of any fill material and the destination of any excavated material,*
  - (f) the likelihood of disturbing relics,*
  - (g) the proximity to, and potential for adverse impacts on, any waterway, drinking water catchment or environmentally sensitive area,*
  - (h) any appropriate measures proposed to avoid, minimise or mitigate the impacts of the development.*

The proposed earthworks are not exempt development as they exceed the levels permitted for works to be undertaken without consent (2a) and the earthworks are ancillary to a development that has not yet been granted consent (2b). As a result, Clause 6.1 (2) does not apply to this development.

Clause 6.1(3) establishes the matters for consideration by the consent authority prior to granting consent. Regarding Clause 6.1(3) (a), the construction of the embankment will not have any adverse impact on drainage patterns and soil stability in the locality. The location of the site was determined through soil investigations using electromagnetic survey which identified the subject site as being a suitable site for the storage facility.

A condition of consent would be applied requiring the provision of details of proposed erosion and sediment control measures in line with the requirements of the Blue Book. Such measures are to be installed and maintained for the duration of construction work and not removed until vegetation is established.

As the proposed earthworks are minor and ancillary to the proposed development, and subject to implementation of the recommended condition, it is considered that they satisfy the intent of clause 6.1.

**Clause 6.2 Flood planning** Clause 6.2 of the LEP seeks to ensure that flood risk to life and property is minimised, that a proposed development is compatible with the land's flood hazard and to avoid significant adverse impacts on flood behaviour and the environment. The clause applies to land at or below the flood planning level.

Clause 6.2(3) requires that consent must not be granted to development on land to which this applies unless the consent authority is satisfied that the development:

- (a) Is compatible with the flood hazard of the land, and*
- (b) Will not significantly adversely affect flood behaviour resulting in detrimental increases in the potential flood affectation of other development or properties, and*
- (c) Incorporates appropriate measures to manage risk to life from flood, and*
- (d) Will not significantly adversely affect the environment or cause avoidable erosion, siltation, destruction of riparian vegetation or a reduction in the stability of river banks or watercourses, and*
- (e) Is not likely to result in unsustainable social and economic costs to the community as a consequence of flooding.*

The information submitted with the application confirms that the subject site is above the 1% flood level and protected by the height of the Mitchell Highway, which is adjacent to the site.

As the site is above the flood level, it is not anticipated that the development would result in adverse impacts on the flow of water or flood behaviour associated with the site. The development is therefore acceptable in the context of Clause 6.2 of the LEP.

### **Clause 6.3 Development on river front areas**

The subject site is not identified as river front area as defined under Clause 6.3 of the LEP.

**State Environmental Planning Policies***State Environmental Planning Policy 55 – Remediation of Land*

*State Environmental Planning Policy No. 55 – Remediation of Land (SEPP55)* provides a state-wide approach to remediation of contaminated land and aims to promote the remediation of contaminated land for the purpose of reducing the risk of harm to human health or any other aspect of the environment.

Clause 7 of the SEPP No. 55 states that a consent authority must not consent to the carrying of development unless it has considered, among other things, whether the land is contaminated. Clause 7 requires, if contamination is confirmed, the land be either confirmed as suitable for use in the contaminated state or be suitable after proposed remediation. The site's historic use is as primary production land which will be developed for the purposes of a water storage facility. The proposal will not increase the risk of contamination or risk of harm to human health. There is no change to receptor pathways and limited opportunity for impacts from contamination, therefore remediation is not considered to be required.

Additionally, a review of available databases, including the online List of NSW contaminated sites notified to EPA and the online EPA Contaminated Land Record, confirms no known contamination.

The former use of the north-eastern end of the site may have been for the purposes of a night soil depot, however review of available information confirms this portion of the site would not be impacted by the proposed works. In the event contaminated material is unearthed during construction, all works must cease in this area, Council must be notified and a suitable plan (approved by Council) must be established that dictates the necessary means of remediation.

Subject to the above, it is considered that the land is likely to be safely able to be used for the proposed purpose and therefore the development is consistent with the provisions of SEPP55.

**Provisions of any Draft Environmental Planning Instrument that has been placed on exhibition s4.15 (1) (a) (ii)**

There are no draft environmental planning instruments known to affect the site.

**PROVISION OF ANY OTHER RELEVANT LEGISLATION**

The application was referred to the Natural Resource Access Regulator (NRAR) as integrated development pursuant to Division 4.8 of the EP&A Act on the basis that the proposed development entails flood work and a controlled activity by reference to Sections 90 and 91 of the *Water Management Act 2000* (WM Act).

The referral to NRAR was returned as not required for two reasons:

- The proposal does not constitute a controlled activity on the basis that impacts to mapped waterways are limited to man-made waterways, and the controlled activity provisions do not apply to these waterways; and



- NRAR is not the approval body for the issuing of flood work approvals for the construction of a water supply work (i.e., the building of the dam). Water NSW is the approval body and the matter should be referred to Water NSW.

Advice from Water NSW officers has been sought, which confirms that Water NSW do not manage applications of this nature via the integrated development process, and that any approvals are to be sought directly from Water NSW.

On the basis of the above, the development is not considered to represent integrated development and the general terms of approval of NRAR and Water NSW are not required. A condition of consent is recommended requiring the applicant liaise with Water NSW and secure necessary approvals for the carrying out of the flood work prior to any work commencing on site.

#### **PROVISION OF ANY DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN s4.15 (1) (a) (iii).**

The *Bourke Development Control Plan 2012* (DCP) applies to all land within the Bourke Local Government Area. The aims of the DCP are:

- Define development standards that deliver the outcomes desired by the community and Council;
- Provide clear and concise development guidelines for various forms of development;
- Encourage innovation in design and development by not over-specifying development controls;
- Provide certainty of development outcomes for developers and the community.

The DCP contains various general provisions that relate to this development and these are discussed below.

#### Chapter 2 – Information Requirements

Clause 2.2 – The proposal does not seek consent for construction of a building, therefore a BASIX Certificate is not required.

Clause 2.3 - A Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) has been supplied in respect of the development which addresses relevant issues associated with the development.

Clause 2.4 – Plans have been provided in connection with the development to provide adequate information to enable assessment of the application. Site, sections and details of the proposed water storage facility are sufficient for assessment of the application.

Clause 2.5 – the site is not known to be contaminated.

Clause 2.6 – the application was notified and no objections were received.

#### Chapter 3 – Natural Hazards

Clause 3.2 – The land is deemed to be flood affected. An assessment against the requirements of Clause 6.2 (Flood planning) of the LEP establishes that the proposed works will have minimal adverse impact on the flow of water or flood behaviour.

Clause 3.3 – The site is not mapped as being located in a bushfire prone area.

Chapter 4 – Development Types

Clause 4.11 – Land Forming Development.

The application has demonstrated compliance with Clause 4.11 of the DCP by stating the following:

- *Wind Erosion* - the proposed storage has stable external and internal batters that should not be at an increased risk of wind erosion;
- *Landscape and Scenic Quality* – the subject site has previously been used as an irrigation storage facility which has been decommissioned. The proposed development replaces a previous water storage facility and is therefore unlikely to have an adverse impact on the landscape and scenic quality of the site and surrounds;
- *Trees and Vegetation* – the proposal does not seeks consent for removal of any trees or native vegetation to construct the proposed storage;
- *Site Topography* – the subject site is generally flat and suitable for the proposed development;
- *Flood Liability* – the proposal has demonstrated that the development will have no adverse impact from a flooding perspective;
- *Flood Impacts* - the subject land is surrounded by embankments on 3 sides that separate it from neighbouring properties. These are the Mitchell Highway, the Bourke town levee and an irrigation supply channel. In a large flood event where this area is inundated there will be very little flowing water due to the surrounding existing embankments. The proposed development will have no adverse impact on adjoining properties;
- *Erosion and Land Degradation* - stable external and internal batters will be constructed and maintained to not cause any erosion or land degradation;
- *Loss of Vegetation and Habitat* – the proposal does not seek consent for any trees or native vegetation to be removed and there will be no loss of habitat for wildlife;
- *Peak Discharge* - the peak discharge from the property has been calculated using the Regional Flood Frequency Estimation Model (RFFE). The subject land has a total area of 73 hectares, the development of the proposed storage will reduce the area from which water will runoff to 58 hectares. No other changes are proposed. The reduction in runoff area from construction of the proposed storage will reduce the peak discharge from the site for all rainfall patterns by more than 17% as shown in the table below prepared by the applicant.

**Table 2.1 RFFE comparison existing to proposed development**

Annual Exceedance Probability (%)	Frequency	Peak Discharge (m <sup>3</sup> /s)		
		Existing	Proposed	Change
5%	1 in 20	1.54	1.27	-0.27
2%	1 in 50	2.02	1.67	-0.35
1%	1 in 100	2.70	2.21	-0.49

- *Plans* – Plans have been prepared and submitted with the application to demonstrate the proposal is suitable and complies with the requirements of the LEP and DCP; and
- *Levels* – the information illustrated on the plans shows existing and proposed levels associated with the development.

#### **Provisions prescribed by the Regulations s4.15 (1) (a) (iv)**

The proposal does not contravene the relevant provisions of the regulations.

#### **The Likely Impacts of the Development s4.15 (1) (b)**

##### **Siting and Design**

The proposed development has been sited on land primarily used for agricultural purposes. The water storage facility will provide irrigation to the two pivot irrigators adjoining the subject site and directly opposite on Tancred Drive. The site does not contain any significant vegetation and will not require the importation of any material. The site is located a sufficient distance from the river to not create a flood hazard on the subject site or adjoining properties. The development is acceptable in the context of siting and design.

##### **Visual amenity**

No detrimental impacts to visual amenity are anticipated.

##### **Access and traffic**

An existing access road from Tancred Drive/ Mitchell Highway will be retained and utilised for access to the site. The proposal would not result in any additional traffic generation.

##### **Heritage**

The Darling River which adjoins the site is listed in the Bourke LEP as Item I10 having heritage significance. This application will have no adverse impact on the heritage significance of this item given it is located over 500 metres from the subject site.

##### **Contamination**

A condition of consent is to be imposed to provide an unexpected finds protocol, as a component of the required soil and water management plan.

##### **Biodiversity**

The proposal does not involve any substantive clearing, nor any impacts that would be likely to significantly affect threatened species or ecological communities, or their habitats, according to the test in section 7.3 of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016. The site is not identified on the Biodiversity Values Map and does not exceed the clearing threshold.

On the basis of the above, a biodiversity development assessment report is not required.

The land has historically been used as farm land and the only vegetation proposed to be removed from the site is exotic grassland.

The development is acceptable in the context of impacts to biodiversity.

### **Noise and Vibration**

The proposed development is located well clear of unrelated receptors.

On this basis, the short term noise and vibration associated with the construction of the embankment is not anticipated to result in significant impacts.

### **The Suitability of the Site s4.15 (1) (c)**

#### **Physical Attributes and Hazards**

The subject land is noted as being flood prone. The site is not mapped as bushfire prone land.

The proposal has demonstrated that the development will have no adverse impact on the flow of water or flood behaviour in the locality.

#### **Development Contributions**

No Section 7.11 or 7.12 contributions are applicable.

#### **Any Submissions Made in Accordance with the Act s4.15 (1) (d)**

Due to the nature of the development, the application has not been advertised. The application was notified to nearby and adjoining properties with no objections received in response.

#### **Public Interests s4.15 (1) (e)**

The proposed development is for construction of a water storage facility. The development is of minimal public interest due to the localised nature of any impacts.

### **Conclusion**

The proposed development is permissible with the consent of Council. The applicant has adequately demonstrated that proposed development complies with the objectives and provisions of the Bourke LEP 2012 and the provisions of the Bourke DCP 2012. This section 4.15 assessment of the proposal indicates that the development is acceptable in this instance.

#### **Recommendation**

**That application DA 2021/0011 for the construction of a water storage facility at Lots 4 and 5 DP 134908, "Lucerne View", 96 Tancred Drive, Bourke NSW 2840, be granted consent subject to all conditions listed below.**

## PART A - GENERAL CONDITIONS

### 1. APPROVED PLANS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

**Condition**

Development must be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans and supporting documentation (stamped by Council), except where the conditions of this consent expressly require otherwise.

Plan No.	Revision No.	Plan Title	Drawn By	Dated
0456_2.1	A	Farm Map Flood works Layout Sheet 1 of 1	TCS	23/09/19
0456_1.1	B	Irrigation Modernisation Storage Typical Cross Section Sheet 1 of 2	TCS	16/04/21
0456_1.2	B	Irrigation Modernisation Storage Typical Cross Section Sheet 2 of 2	TCS	16/04/21
Nil	Nil	Statement of Environmental Effects	TCS	26/02/2021

In the event of any inconsistency between the approved plans and the supporting documentation, the approved plans prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between the approved plans and a condition of consent, the condition prevails.

Note: an inconsistency occurs between an approved plan and supporting documentation or between an approved plan and a condition when it is not possible to comply with both at the relevant time.

**Reason**

To ensure all parties are aware of the approved plans and supporting documentation that applies to the development.

## PART B – GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONSENT

### 1. FAILURE MANAGEMENT PLAN

**Condition**

Prior to the commencement of works, the applicant is to provide Council with a Failure Management Plan that identifies procedures that in the event of a failure of the dam:

- Preserves the safety of human life
- Limits Environmental Impacts

- **Provides an evacuation plan**

**Reason**

To preserve the safety of human life and prevent major environmental damage in the event of a cell failure.

**2. MAINTENANCE PROGRAM****Condition**

The applicant is to provide Council with a Maintenance Program and Monitoring Procedure which outlines strategies employed to maintain the structural soundness of the dam. The Maintenance Program and Monitoring Procedure is to be implemented for the lifetime of the development.

**Reason**

To maintain structural soundness and safety through the lifetime of the project.

**3. STORMWATER CAPTURE & RUNOFF****Condition**

Storm water capture is to be compliant with harvestable rights legislation under the Water Management Act 2000.

Further, irrigation waters shall be managed such that run-off from the land is minimised, no contaminated storm water runoff is directed outside of the irrigation area and there is minimal disruption to existing overland flow paths.

**Reason**

To manage the flow of storm water.

**4. WATER MANAGEMENT ACT APPROVALS****Condition**

Prior to any works commencing, the applicant is to ensure required approvals under Part 3 of the Water Management Act 2000 have been sought and gained from Water NSW. Evidence of this approval is to be provided to Bourke Shire Council prior to any works commencing on site.

**Reason**

To ensure compliance with the requirements of the Water Management Act 2000

**5. COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS OF CONSENT****Condition**

All conditions of this consent are to be complied with to the standards specified prior to the filling of the dam.

**Reason**

To ensure the development proceeds in the manner as determined by Council.

## **PART C – PRIOR TO WORKS COMMENCING**

### **1. ENGINEERING PLANS & REPORT**

#### **Condition**

Prior to the commencement of work the applicant is to provide updated design drawings, specifications and a report from a suitably qualified and competent person outlining how the design, construction and operation of the storage cell will comply with all relevant standards (including but not limited to Irrigation Australia's Guidelines for Ring Tank Storages) and achieve and maintain adequate structural soundness. Further, designs of the proposed storage shall be endorsed by an appropriately qualified engineer. In particular, the applicant is to provide advice on the following:

- Clarification as to how earthworks will be monitored for unsuitable material. Further, what material properties are required for each fill zone identified within the Storage Design Drawings
- Clarification as to how suitable embankment material will be identified and monitored for the cut-off trench and each fill zone within the Storage Cell.

A quality assurance plan shall also be developed by an appropriately qualified engineer and submitted to Council for approval prior to the commencement of works. The quality assurance plan shall outline the proposed testing, inspection and other verification procedures which are to be implemented during construction.

#### **Reason**

It is in the public interest that the design of that (those) aspect(s) of the development comply with relevant Standards and Guidelines. Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, as amended.

### **2. SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

#### **Condition**

Details of the proposed sediment control measures are to be detailed in a soil and water management plan which shall be submitted to and approved by the principal certifying authority prior to the commencement of any site works. The sediment and erosion control measures must be implemented prior to the commencement of any site works and be maintained throughout construction. A copy of the approved details must be forwarded to the Council and a copy shall be maintained on-site and be made available to Council officers upon request. Procedures shall be adopted for the prevention of loose or contaminated material, spoil, dust and litter from being deposited offsite or into existing drainage paths.

Details of proposed sediment and erosion control measures shall include; a site plan; indicating the slope of land, access points & access control measures, location and type of sediment & erosion controls, location of existing vegetation to be retained, location of material stockpiles and storage areas, methods of sediment control, details of drainage systems and details of existing and proposed vegetation.

#### **Reason**

Because of the requirement to comply with appropriate standards for environmental control. Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, as amended.

### **3. CONSTRUCTION SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

#### **Condition**

A Construction Site Management Plan shall be developed, lodged with Council and implemented prior to the commencement of demolition, excavation or building works. The plan must include the following measures, as applicable to the type of development:

1. Location and construction of protective fencing / hoardings to the perimeter of the site.
2. Location of site storage areas / sheds / equipment.
3. Location of materials for construction.
4. Provisions for public safety.
5. Dust control measures.
6. Site access location and construction.
7. Protective measures for tree preservation.
8. Provisions for temporary sanitary facilities.
9. Details of proposed sediment and erosion control measures.
10. Construction noise and vibration management.
11. Construction traffic management details.

The site management measures are to be implemented prior to the commencement of any site works and be maintained throughout the works, to maintain reasonable levels of public health, safety and amenity to the satisfaction of Council. A copy of the approved Construction Site Management Plan must be maintained on site and be made available to Council officers upon request.

#### **Reason**

Because of the requirement to comply with appropriate standards for environmental control. Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, as amended.

## **PART D – DURING CONSTRUCTION**

### **1. DUST**

#### **Condition**

Introduce and effectively maintain measures to suppress and control dust at all time during the construction of the development. Details of the proposed dust control measures, including procedures for the implementation of such measures, shall be submitted to Bourke Shire Council for approval prior to commencement of construction works.

#### **Reason**

To reduce impacts on the amenity from dust generated from construction activities.

### **2. HOURS OF OPERATION FOR WORKS**

#### **Condition**

All works associated with the construction of this development must be carried out between the following hours:



**Weekdays: 7.00am to 7.00pm**

**Saturdays: 7.00am to 5.00pm**

**Sundays and Public Holidays: 8.00am to 5.00pm**

Council may consider a variation of these hours on an individual basis upon written submission to Council.

**Reason**

To reduce the chance of offensive noise being created and to minimise the impacts of the development in its locality.

### **3. LOADING/UNLOADING OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS**

**Condition**

All storage of goods and construction materials and the carrying out of works related to the approved development shall be carried out within the confines of the property, unless otherwise stated in this consent. All vehicles must be parked legally and no vehicles are permitted to be parked over the public footpath. The unloading of building materials over any part of a public road by means of a lift, hoist or tackle projecting over the footway will require separate approval under s138 of the *Roads Act 1993*.

**Reason**

To protect the safety of pedestrians and the amenity neighbouring properties.

### **4. ALL WORKS TO BE WITHIN PROPERTY BOUNDARIES**

**Condition**

All construction work shall be carried out within the confines of the property unless separate written permission is obtained from the relevant landowner and/or authority in control of the land.

**Note:** A copy of any written notices authorising off-site construction operations shall be submitted to Council prior to any operations commencing on the affected land.

**Reason**

To prevent impact on the amenity and conditions of neighbouring properties and public assets.

### **5. UNCOVERING RELICS OR ABORIGINAL OBJECTS**

**Condition**

While excavation work is being carried out, all such works must cease immediately if a relic or Aboriginal object is unexpectedly discovered. The applicant must notify the Heritage Council of NSW in respect of a relic and notify the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and the Heritage Council of NSW in respect of an Aboriginal object. Excavation may recommence at a time confirmed by either the Heritage Council of NSW or the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

**In this condition:**

“relic” means any deposit, artefact, object or material evidence that:

- (a) Relates to the settlement of the area that comprised NSW, not being Aboriginal settlement, and

(b) Is of State or local heritage significance; and

“Aboriginal object” means any deposit, object or material evidence (not being a handicraft made for sale) relating to the Aboriginal habitation of the area that comprises NSW, being habitation before or concurrent with (or both) the occupation of that area by person of non-Aboriginal extraction and includes Aboriginal remains.

Reason

To ensure the protection of objects of potential significance during works.

## **PART E – PRIOR TO OCCUPATION OF THE BUILDING / OPERATION OF THE EVENT**

### **1. WORKS AS EXECUTED**

Condition

The applicant shall submit to Council two electronic copies of “works as executed plans” for the works required by Condition(s) titled:

#### **Part C, 1: ENGINEERING PLANS & REPORT**

Each drawing shall be signed and dated by the person responsible for the carrying out of those works. Work as Executed details shall be marked in red and super-imposed over engineering plans. Details shall include, where applicable, critical levels, grades, cross falls and plan locations of all works.

Reason

So that Council may ensure that the construction is in accordance with relevant requirements, and so that a permanent record of the design as constructed may be held by Council, to assist in future maintenance, or for the information of the emergency services. Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, as amended.

### **2. NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

Condition

At least two weeks prior to the commencement of operations the applicant, or anyone operating under this consent, is to notify Council in writing that the use of the development is to commence.

Reason

To ensure Council is suitably notified that the construction works have been completed and operation is to commence.

### **3. CONSTRUCTION QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORT**

Condition

Prior to the operation and/or filling of the storage cell the applicant shall submit a Quality Construction Assurance Report prepared by a suitably qualified Geotechnical Engineer. The Quality Construction Assurance Report shall detail the results of all quality assurance that was implemented throughout construction along with certification that the storage cell has been constructed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.

**Reason**

To ensure the storage cell is constructed in accordance with the approved plans.

**Advisory Note**

The proponent shall ensure that all licences, permits and approvals are obtained and maintained as required throughout the life of the project. No condition of this approval removes the obligation for the proponent to obtain, renew or comply with such licenses, permits or approvals. The proponent shall ensure that a copy of this approval and all relevant environmental approvals are available at all times.

**ADVISORY NOTE - Prescribed conditions of development consent****ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT REGULATION 2000 - REG 98**

All development must comply with the following where relevant:

**98 Compliance with Building Code of Australia and insurance requirements under the Home Building Act 1989**

(cu clauses 78 and 78A of EP&A Regulation 1994)

(1) For the purposes of section 4.17 (11) of the Act, the following conditions are prescribed in relation to a development consent for development that involves any building work:

- (a) that the work must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia,
- (b) in the case of residential building work for which the [Home Building Act 1989](#) requires there to be a contract of insurance in force in accordance with Part 6 of that Act, that such a contract of insurance is in force before any building work authorised to be carried out by the consent commences.

(1A) For the purposes of section 4.17 (11) of the Act, it is prescribed as a condition of a development consent for a temporary structure that is used as an entertainment venue, that the temporary structure must comply with Part B1 and NSW Part H102 of Volume One of the Building Code of Australia.

(2) This clause does not apply:

- (a) to the extent to which an exemption is in force under clause 187 or 188, subject to the terms of any condition or requirement referred to in clause 187 (6) or 188 (4), or
- (b) to the erection of a temporary building, other than a temporary structure to which subclause (1A) applies.

(3) In this clause, a reference to the Building Code of Australia is a reference to that Code as in force on the date the application is made for the relevant:

- (a) development consent, in the case of a temporary structure that is an entertainment venue, or
- (b) construction certificate, in every other case.

**Note.** There are no relevant provisions in the Building Code of Australia in respect of temporary structures that are not entertainment venues.

**98A Erection of signs**

(1) For the purposes of section 4.17 (11) of the Act, the requirements of subclauses (2) and (3) are prescribed as conditions of a development consent for development that involves any building work, subdivision work or demolition work.

(2) A sign must be erected in a prominent position on any site on which building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out:

(a) showing the name, address and telephone number of the principal certifying authority for the work, and

(b) showing the name of the principal contractor (if any) for any building work and a telephone number on which that person may be contacted outside working hours, and

(c) stating that unauthorised entry to the work site is prohibited.

(3) Any such sign is to be maintained while the building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out, but must be removed when the work has been completed.

(4) This clause does not apply in relation to building work, subdivision work or demolition work that is carried out inside an existing building that does not affect the external walls of the building.

(5) This clause does not apply in relation to Crown building work that is certified, in accordance with section 6.28 of the Act, to comply with the technical provisions of the State's building laws.

(6) This clause applies to a development consent granted before 1 July 2004 only if the building work, subdivision work or demolition work involved had not been commenced by that date.

Note. Principal certifying authorities and principal contractors must also ensure that signs required by this clause are erected and maintained (see clause 227A which currently imposes a maximum penalty of \$1,100).

**98B Notification of Home Building Act 1989 requirements**

(1) For the purposes of section 4.17 (11) of the Act, the requirements of this clause are prescribed as conditions of a development consent for development that involves any residential building work within the meaning of the [Home Building Act 1989](#).

(2) Residential building work within the meaning of the [Home Building Act 1989](#) must not be carried out unless the principal certifying authority for the development to which the work relates (not being the council) has given the council written notice of the following information:

(a) in the case of work for which a principal contractor is required to be appointed:

(i) the name and licence number of the principal contractor, and

(ii) the name of the insurer by which the work is insured under Part 6 of that Act,

(b) in the case of work to be done by an owner-builder:

(i) the name of the owner-builder, and

(ii) if the owner-builder is required to hold an owner-builder permit under that Act, the number of the owner-builder permit.

(3) If arrangements for doing the residential building work are changed while the work is in progress so that the information notified under subclause (2) becomes out of date, further work must not be carried out unless the principal certifying authority for the development to which

the work relates (not being the council) has given the council written notice of the updated information.

(4) This clause does not apply in relation to Crown building work that is certified, in accordance with section 6.28 of the Act, to comply with the technical provisions of the State's building laws.

**98C Conditions relating to entertainment venues**

For the purposes of section 4.17 (11) of the Act, the requirements set out in Schedule 3A are prescribed as conditions of development consent for the use of a building as an entertainment venue

**98D Condition relating to maximum capacity signage**

(1) For the purposes of section 4.17 (11) of the Act, the requirement set out in subclause (2) is prescribed as a condition of development consent (including an existing development consent) for the following uses of a building, if the development consent for the use contains a condition specifying the maximum number of persons permitted in the building:

- (a) entertainment venue,
- (b) function centre,
- (c) pub,
- (d) registered club,
- (e) restaurant.

(2) From 26 January 2010, a sign must be displayed in a prominent position in the building stating the maximum number of persons, as specified in the development consent, that are permitted in the building.

(3) Words and expressions used in this clause have the same meanings as they have in the Standard Instrument.

**98E Condition relating to shoring and adequacy of adjoining property**

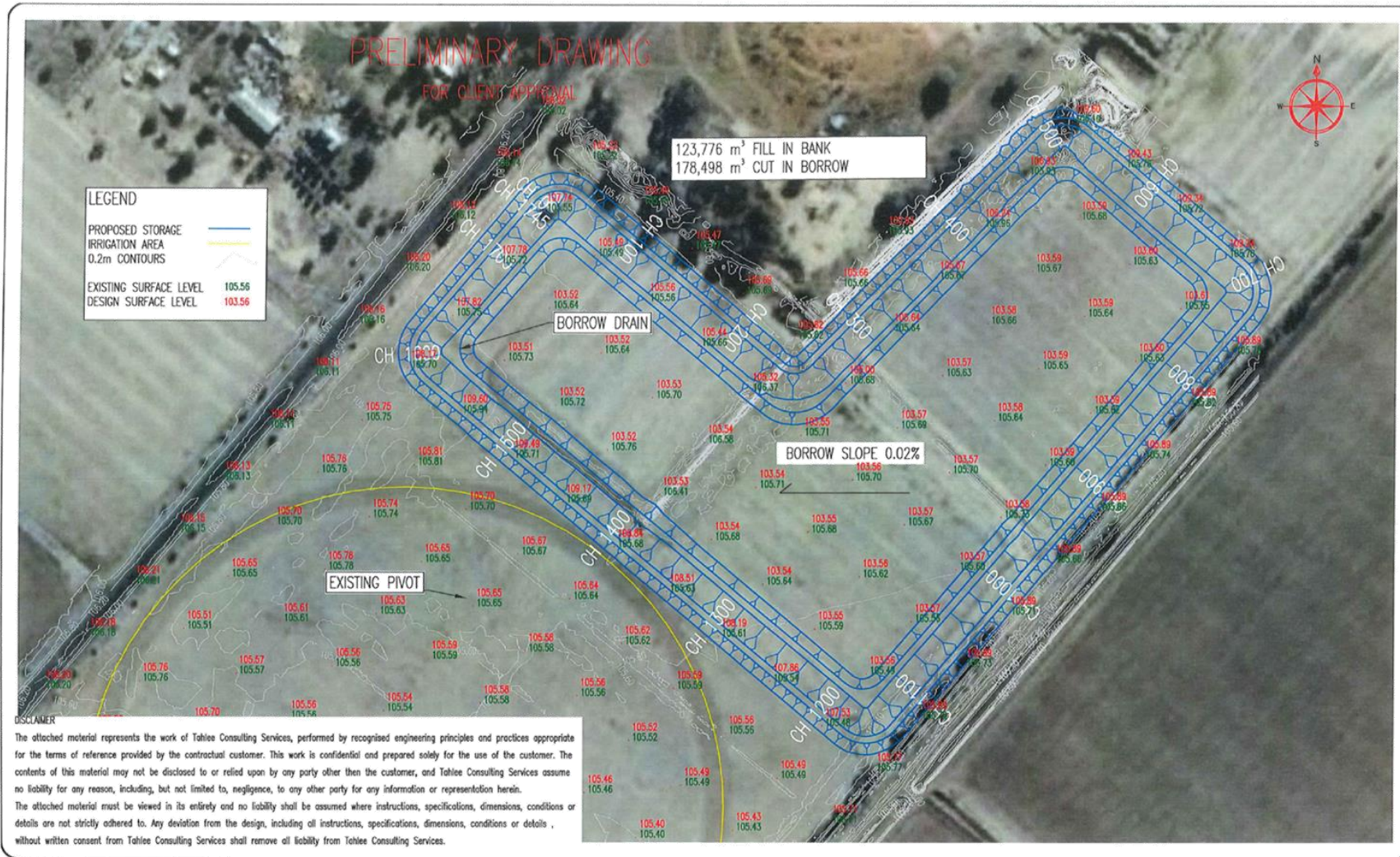
(1) For the purposes of section 4.17 (11) of the Act, it is a prescribed condition of development consent that if the development involves an excavation that extends below the level of the base of the footings of a building, structure or work (including any structure or work within a road or rail corridor) on adjoining land, the person having the benefit of the development consent must, at the person's own expense:

- (a) protect and support the building, structure or work from possible damage from the excavation, and
- (b) where necessary, underpin the building, structure or work to prevent any such damage.

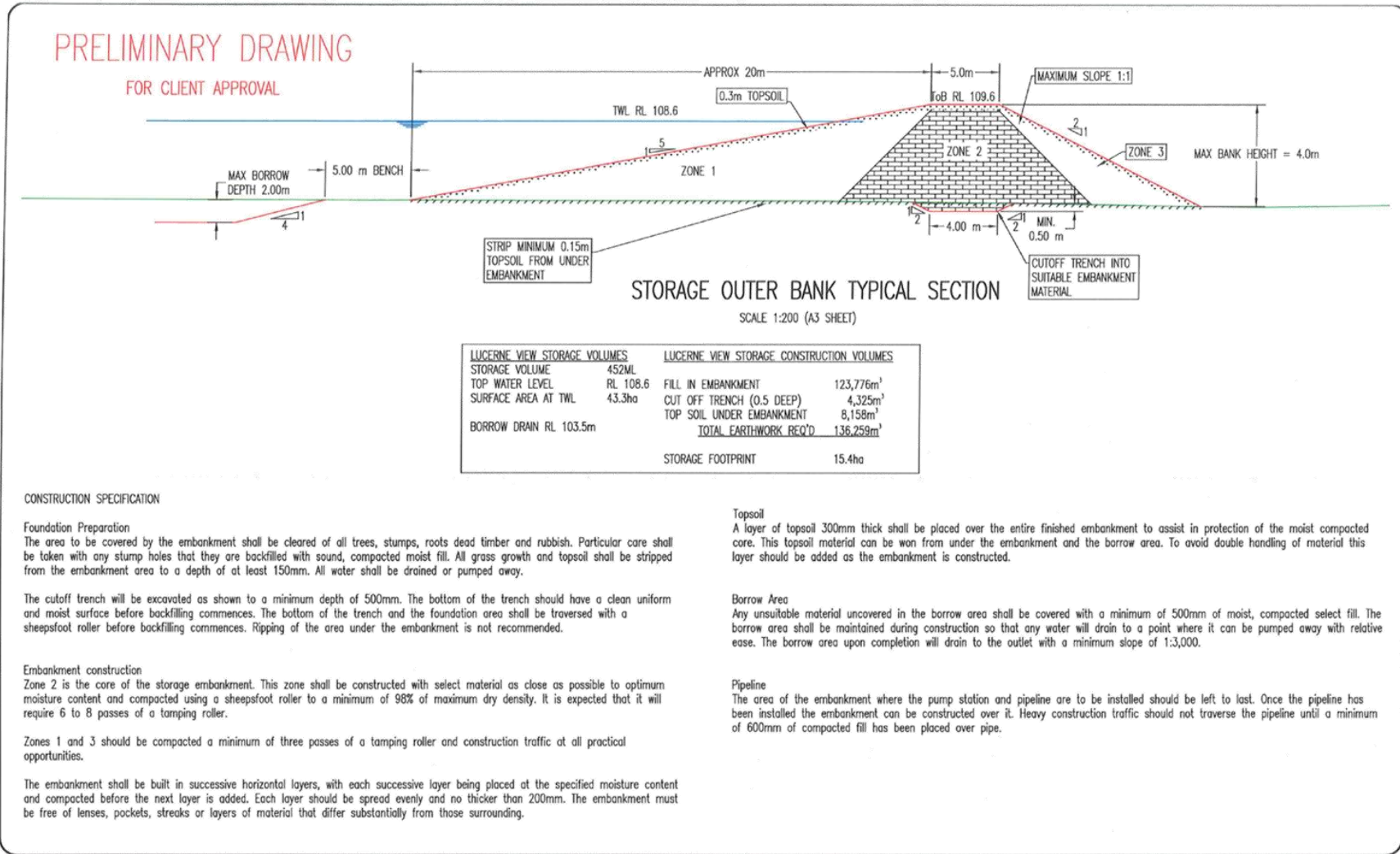








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## 14 GENERAL MANAGER

### 14.1 EXERCISE OF COUNCIL FUNCTIONS DURING CARETAKER PERIOD

**File Number:** C1.1, C12.1  
**Author:** Mark Riley, General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Mark Riley, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### Background

Local Councils are required to assume a caretaker role during the election period to ensure that major decisions are not made which would limit the actions of an incoming Council.

In this regard, the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 mandates the exercising of council functions during the caretaker period.

#### Current Situation

Clause 393B of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 states as follows:

*The following functions of a council must not be exercised by the council, or the general manager or any other delegate of the council (other than a Joint Regional Planning Panel or the Central Sydney Planning Committee), during a caretaker period—*

*(a) entering a contract or undertaking involving the expenditure or receipt by the council of an amount equal to or greater than \$150,000 or 1% of the council's revenue from rates in the preceding financial year (whichever is the larger),*

*(b) determining a controversial development application, except where--*

- (i) a failure to make such a determination would give rise to a deemed refusal under [section 82](#) of the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#), or*
- (ii) such a deemed refusal arose before the commencement of the caretaker period,*

*(c) the appointment or reappointment of a person as the council's general manager (or the removal of a person from that position), other than--*

- (i) an appointment of a person to act as general manager under section 336(1) of the Act, or*
- (ii) a temporary appointment of a person as general manager under section 351(1) of the Act.*

*(2) Despite subclause (1), such a function may be exercised in a particular case with the consent of the Minister.*

*(3) In this clause--*

*"caretaker period" means the period of 4 weeks preceding the date of an ordinary election.*

*"controversial development application" means a development application under*

the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979](#) for which at least 25 persons have made submissions under [section 79\(5\)](#) of that Act by way of objection.

The caretaker provisions in 2021 will commence on Friday 6 August 2021, which is 4 weeks preceding the date of the election scheduled for 4 September 2021.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no significant financial implications for Council envisaged at this stage.

### **Recommendation**

**That the information in respect of the Caretaker Provisions under Clause 393B of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 be noted.**

**14.2 POLLING PLACE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**

**File Number:** E2.3.5  
**Author:** Mark Riley, General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Mark Riley, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

In 2016 the NSW Electoral Commission made contact with Council advising there were only a small amount of votes recorded at the villages of Louth and Wanaaring and they proposed not to maintain a polling place at the two locations.

Following such advice Council resolved to retain the polling places at both Louth and Wanaaring, requesting the NSW Electoral Commission to reinstate both polling places.

At the time it was also noted that neither Louth nor Wanaaring had a polling place for State and Federal Government Elections since before 2013.

**Current Situation**

Council has received advice that the villages of Louth and Wanaaring will not have a polling place for the Local Government Elections to be held 4 September 2021. At the 2016 Local Government Election, Louth only took 13 votes and Wanaaring only took 7 votes.

Establishing the two venues with such low votes would create unnecessary confusion, with most electors having either already swapped to postal voting or voting in Bourke.

**Financial Implications**

The cost to maintain the polling venues are an additional cost to Council for staff and travel costs on the day. The estimated cost would be \$3,000.

**Recommendation**

**That the Council note the report that the villages of Louth and Wanaaring will not have a polling place for the Local Government Election to be held 4 September 2021.**

**14.3 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW SOUTH WALES 28-30 NOVEMBER 2021**

**File Number:** C11.1, C6.1, L8.3  
**Author:** Mark Riley, General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Mark Riley, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

Bourke Shire Council is a member of Local Government NSW (LGNSW). On an annual basis, the member councils of LGNSW meet at a conference which is the main policy-making event for the local government sector in NSW. This annual conference is Council's opportunity to have input into setting the advocacy agenda of LGNSW for the year ahead. Motions passed at the Conference become Resolutions, which LGNSW actions on behalf of members as part of its advocacy program.

The LGNSW Annual Conference for 2021 is scheduled to be held from Wednesday 28 November 2021 till Friday 30 November 2021 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 161 Sussex Street, Sydney.

**Current Situation**

Conference registrations open on Tuesday, 27 July 2021 via the LGNSW website. Registering for the Conference is somewhat complicated due to the yet to be determined elections. Notwithstanding it is my understanding that Bourke Shire has previously been represented at this Conference by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the General Manager. It would be proposed that for the 2021 event, Council be again represented by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager, or their nominees. On the assumption that Council concurs with such representation, the necessary registrations in respect of conference attendance, travel and accommodation can be made. Notwithstanding, should other Councillors wish to also attend, a recommendation to enable such attendance will be made herewith.

In addition to Conference registration, Councils have also been invited to submit motions to be considered at the Conference. LGNSW have advised that "motions should be strategic, affect members state-wide and introduce new or emerging policy issues and actions." In this regard, Councillors are invited to submit any motions with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager proposed to be delegated authority to determine the motions to be submitted to the Conference, or amend motions as required. Motions should be submitted by 27 September 2021 with the latest date that motions can be accepted for inclusion in the Business Paper is 12 midnight on Sunday, 31 October 2021.

**Financial Implications**

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

**Recommendation**

- 1. That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager, or their nominees, be authorised to attend the LGNSW Annual Conference to be held from Wednesday 28 November to Friday, 30 November 2021.**
- 2. That Councillors be invited to submit motions to the General Manager for potential consideration at the 2021 LGNSW Conference.**
- 3. That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager be delegated authority to determine the submission of motions to the Conference or amend motions as required.**
- 4. That any Councillors wishing to attend the LGNSW Annual Conference are requested to advise the General Manager following the 2021 Council Elections so that the necessary arrangements can be secured.**

**14.4 FINAL MEETING OF COUNCIL ELECTED SEPTEMBER 2016**

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

**Background**

The August 2021 meeting of Council will be the final meeting of the Council as elected in September 2016. Whilst initially elected for a four (4) year period, the postponement of the Local Government Elections from September 2020 to September 2021, saw this term of Council extended to a five (5) year term.

**Current Situation**

Given that the August 2021 meeting will be the last meeting of this term of Council, it is proposed that on the evening of the meeting, a dinner of Councillors, their partners, the Manex and their partners be held. It would be proposed that the General Manager take the necessary action to progress this dinner.

It is also intended to have a photograph taken of the Councillors who served during the 2016-2021 term so it can be a permanent record of that period and maintained along with other photographs of previous Councils.

**Financial Implications**

There will be no significant financial implications on Council with the cost of the dinner to be met from existing allocations for meetings. Copies of the photograph will be made available electronically to Councillors whilst a framed copy will be commissioned for the Council as a record of those Councillors who served during the term.

**Recommendation**

**That the General Manager be requested to take the necessary action in regard to arrangements for a final dinner and a photograph to recognise the Bourke Council for the period 2016-2021.**

**14.5 \*\*\* 2021 TOUR DE OROC**

**File Number:** C8.11, D4.4, D5.1, D5.2  
**Author:** Mark Riley, General Manager  
**Authoriser:** Mark Riley, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

Tour de OROC was initiated back in 2013 to raise money for the Macquarie Homestay which aims to provide accommodation for patients and their family members who are required to stay in Dubbo to seek medical treatment.

OROC is the acronym for the group known as the Orana Regional Organisation of Councils. When operating it captured the local government areas of Bourke, Bogan, Brewarrina, Cobar, Coonamble, Dubbo, Gilgandra, Narromine, Walgett, Warrumbungle and Warren.

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

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

**Current Situation**

Plans are under way for the bi-annual Toyota Tour de OROC to be held in 2021 with the dates for the ride being Monday, 4 October through to Saturday, 9 October 2021.

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

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

President of Dubbo South Rotary and organiser, Mathew Dickerson points out that in its short existence, the Toyota Tour de OROC has hit some significant milestones:-

- Almost \$500,000 of fundraising has been contributed to Macquarie Homestay;
- Two Guinness World Records have been set;
- Riders have individually pedalled over 3,200km across 18 days of riding;
- Internationally renowned riders have ridden alongside committed amateurs, including:-  
Commonwealth Games dual gold medallist, Megan Dunn in 2013;  
Three time Tour de France Green Jersey winner, Robbie McEwen in 2015; and  
Australia's international Voice of Cycling, Matt Keenan in 2017.

For those who don't know about the Tour de OROC, it involves cyclists riding across the OROC Region having to pay a fee to participate and hoping to attract sponsorship and support along the way. Around 25-30 riders participate and they are accompanied by support crews. The riders will travel 1140 kilometres.

It is hoped to attract 30 riders this year and this will also involve a support crew or around 6 people making a total of 36 people.

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

Bourke Shire Council have previously agreed to assist in the coordination of the event, however, at that time there was no request for a financial contribution. For 2021, the Tour de OROC Organising Committee were hopeful that Council may consider a financial contribution towards the event in respect of covering hosting cost whilst in Bourke.

### **Financial Implications**

A fund raising function is planned for the night when the group will be in town, Digger on the Darling will be providing the venue, an auction will be held with a number of items already collected.

In past years the accommodation has been partially donated and the remaining costs met from the fund raising activities. Given the improved economic conditions it is proposed that the cost of the accommodation be met by Bourke Shire Council with Bourke Rotary Club members also proposing to "billet" some of the participants.

Accommodation will be on a twin share basis and an evening meal and breakfast are to be provided.

Bourke Rotary Club will also contribute to the cost and intend holding a Trivia Night to assist in the fund raising efforts.

The estimated cost for accommodation and meals for the Tour de OROC participants and support crew is \$5,000

### **Recommendation**

**That Council contribute a donation of up to \$5,000 towards the costs associated with the hosting of the Tour De OROC riders and support crew in Bourke for the 2021 ride.**



**14.6 \*\*\* 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.**

**15 CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT****15.1 \*\*\* BANK RECONCILIATION & 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 June 2021**

Balances as per Bank Statement	\$1,548,227.65
Plus: Deposit not shown	\$0.00
Less: Unpresented Cheques	\$130,505.39
<b>Balance as per Cash Book</b>	<b>\$1,417,722.26</b>

**Reconciled Ledger Accounts as at 30 June 2021**

Fund or Account	Current Balance	Overdraft Statutory Limit
General	\$23,620,844.45	\$200,000.00
Water	\$3,798,543.46	
Sewer	\$2,624,670.00	
Trust	\$113,125.90	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$30,157,595.81</b>	

**Investments as at 30 June 2021**

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	\$676,193.17	0.33%	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	\$1,725,827.62	0.32%	300 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$7,888,546.49	Flex		
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$28,739,873.55</b>			

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 June 2021**

<b>Balance as per cash book</b>	<b>\$1,417,722.26</b>
<b>Investments</b>	<b>\$28,739,873.55</b>
<b>Total, equalling Reconciled Ledger</b>	<b>30,157,595.81</b>

**Statement of Bank Balances as at 30 June 2021**

	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Transaction</b>	<b>Balance</b>
	<b>31 May 2021</b>		<b>30<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>
General Fund	\$16,614,892.20	\$7,005,952.05	\$23,620,844.45
Water Fund	\$2,894,836.24	\$903,707.22	\$3,798,543.46
Sewer Fund	\$2,603,829.56	\$20,840.44	\$2,624,670.00
Trust Fund	\$118,170.15	\$-4632.25	\$113,537.90
Investments	-\$21,737,634.71	\$-7,002,238.84	-\$28,739,873.55
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$494,093.64</b>	<b>\$923,628.62</b>	<b>\$1,417,722.26</b>

**Balance of all Funds as at 30 June 2021**

<b>Balance as at 31 May 2021</b>	<b>\$494,093.64</b>
<b>Add Receipts for</b>	
(a) Rates	\$328,068.63
(b) Other Cash	\$12,421,030.52
<b>Deduct payments for</b>	
(a) Payments	\$4,823,231.69
(b) New Investment	\$7,002,238.84
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2021</b>	<b>\$1,417,722.26</b>

**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 June 2021 be noted.**

**15.2 \*\*\* INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 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 estimated the total investment revenue as \$295,000 which represents an estimated return of 1.475%. This revenue was split proportionally across General, Water and Sewer Funds and changes on a monthly basis in accordance with cash flow requirements.

At the March budget review the estimate was reduced to \$182,000. Council has maintained a stable investment portfolio throughout the year, but interest rates have remained relatively lower than anticipated. The estimated return on investments for the 2020/2021 period is now .771%.

The market value of Council's investments held as at 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 is \$28,739,873.55

Investment income earned as at 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 is \$148,743.32.

**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 June 2021**

National Australia Bank	\$1,076,401.54	0.75%	365 Days	A1+
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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	\$676,193.17	0.33%	330 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	\$1,725,827.62	0.32%	300 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$7,888,546.49	Flex		
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$28,739,873.55</b>			

**Term Deposits**

**Discussions/Comments**

The Investment portfolio increased by \$7,002,238.84 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<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 be received and noted.**
- 2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted and the report adopted**

**15.3 \*\*\* FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 30TH JUNE 2021**

**File Number:** F1.4.6  
**Author:** Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services  
**Authoriser:** Mark Riley, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

The purpose of this report is to comply with statutory requirements in relation to the General Purpose Financial Statements and Special Purpose Financial Statements and Special Schedules for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The Financial Statements are to be referred to Council's Auditor, with authorisation from the Mayor, a Councillor, the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer.

**Current Situation**

As per section 413(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, a Council must prepare financial reports for each year, and must refer them for audit as soon as practicable (having regard to the requirements of section 416 (1)) after the end of that year.

Under section 416 (1), a Council's financial reports for a year must be prepared and audited within four (4) months after the end of the year concerned, and under section 428 (4) (a) the audited financial report must be included in the Council's annual report. [Section 413, LGA]

**Public notice to be given of presentation of financial reports [Section 418, LGA]**

- (1) As soon as practicable after a Council receives a copy of the auditor's reports:-
- (a) Council must fix a date for the meeting at which it proposes to present its audited financial reports, together with the auditor's reports, to the public, and
  - (b) Council must give public notice of the date so fixed.
- (2) The date fixed for the meeting must be at least 7 days after the date on which the notice is given, but not more than 5 weeks after the auditor's reports are given to the Council.

*Note. Unless an extension is granted under section 416, the meeting must be held on or before 5 December after the end of the year to which the reports relate.*

- (3) The public notice must include:-
- (a) A statement that the business of the meeting will include the presentation of the audited financial reports and the auditor's reports, and
  - (b) A summary, in the approved form, of the financial reports, and
  - (c) A statement to the effect that any person may, in accordance with section 420, make submissions (within the time provided by that section and specified in the statement) to the Council with respect to the Council's audited financial reports or with respect to the auditor's reports.
- (4) Copies of the Council's audited financial reports, together with the auditor's reports, must be kept available at the office of the Council for inspection by members of the public on and from the date on which public notice of the holding of the meeting is given and until the day after the meeting (or any postponement of the meeting).

**Presentation of the Council's financial reports [Section 419, LGA]**

(1) A Council must present its audited financial reports, together with the auditor's reports, at a meeting of the Council held on the date fixed for the meeting.

**Legal and Regulatory Compliance**

Local Government Act 1993 – Section 413

Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting –Update 28.

**Risk Management Issues**

Compliance with legislative and regulatory obligations.

**Internal/External Consultation**

NSW Audit Office – Client Service Plan.

**Financial Implications**

The Financial Statements reflect Council's financial operations during 2020-2021 and Council's financial position at 30 June 2021. Cost to undertake the audit are included in the budget and no additional costs are anticipated.

**Recommendation**

- 1. That Council's Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2021 be referred for audit.**
- 2. That the Mayor, Councillor, General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer be authorised to sign the Statement by Councillors and Management on the Financial Reports for the year ended 30 June 2021.**



**15.4 \*\*\* RATES WRITE-OFF - ASSESSMENT NUMBER 01610-11000000-000 AND RATES WRITE-OFF - ASSESSMENT NUMBER 01610-12000000-000**

**File Number:** R.2.5  
**Author:** Meredith Thompson, Revenue Officer  
**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

Outstanding Rates for assessments, 01610-11 and 01610-12 in the name of Far Western Stone Quarries Pty Ltd, were written off last Council Meeting as the Mining Leases has expired and therefore the client no longer held these leases. Since the last Council Meeting, Council has levied rates for 2021-22. The Rates Department did not receive a cancellation to these properties (leases) from the Valuer Generals Department until after the levy date.

**Current Situation**

Rates levied for 2021-22 for Far Western Stone Quarries Pty Ltd, Parish of Fords Bridge for the 2021-22 rating period will now be required to be written-off and the Assessments can then be cancelled.

**Financial Implications**

Assessment No. 01610-11000000-000, Far Western Stone Quarries Pty Ltd, Mining Lease No. 6343 current rates for 2021-22 is \$639.47.

Assessment No. 01610-12000000-000, Far Western Stone Quarries Pty Ltd, Mining Lease Nos. 56, 57, and 620 current rates for 2021-22 is \$1,087.59.

Total amount to be written-off is \$1,727.06.

**Recommendation**

- 1. That Council write-off Ordinary General Rates (2021-22 Levy) for Assessment No. 01610-11000000-000 to the amount of \$639.47.**
- 2. That Council write off Ordinary General Rates (2021-22 Levy) for Assessment No. 01610-12000000-000 for \$1,087.59 – Total amount of \$1,727.06.**

**15.5 \*\*\* WRITE OFF ASSESSMENT NO. 01694-60000000-000 - WATER ADMINISTRATION MINISTERIAL, JANDRA STATION, BOURKE-WILCANNIA ROAD, BOURKE NSW 2840**

**File Number:** R2.5  
**Author:** Meredith Thompson, Revenue Officer  
**Authoriser:** Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

Water Administration Ministerial has several properties within Bourke Shire Council. All assessments are rated Exempt except for assessment 01694-6, this property has been rated "Business". The piece of land includes the Upper Darling Salt Interception Scheme.

The property had now being identified as non-rateable under Section 555 (c2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* "land that is vested in or owned by Water NSW and in, on or over which water supply works (within the meaning of the Water Management Act 2000) are installed". The Rates Department has been contacted by Project Officer Property in regards to writing off the rates and changing the status to Non-Rateable.

**Current Situation**

Bourke Shire Council rates have been levied since 2017. The client has last paid rates up to January 2021. An Overdue Notice prompted contact from the clients and has now requested the land to be changed from "Business" to "Non-Rateable".

**Financial Implications**

Current rates levied in 2021-22 are 907.66. The client has also requested consideration to refunding rates already paid last financial year totalling \$297.50 giving a total of \$1,205.16.

**Recommendation**

- 1. That Council write-off Rates for the 2021-22 rating period to the amount of \$907.66 and make assessment 01694-00000000-000 "Non-Rateable"**
- 2. That Council advise the payment received for payment of Rates in 2020-2021 period be refunded to the Water Administration Ministerial a total amount of \$297.50.**

**16 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

Nil

**17 TOURISM & EVENTS**

Nil

**18 DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Nil

**19 POLICIES**

Nil

**20 PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to 14 July 2021 inclusive.

<b>Road Works - Chris Morrall – Engineering Technical Officer</b>	
<b>1. NORTH SECTOR – Denis Tiffen, Team Leader</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
MR 405 Wanaaring Road	Bitumen Construction Romani to Wangamana Commenced
MR 404 Hungerford Road	Yantabulla Bitumen Construction Completed
RLR 49 West Culgoa Road	Grading Completed
<b>2. SOUTH SECTOR - John Reed, Team Leader</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
MR 405 Wanaaring Road	Bitumen Construction Romani to Wangamana Commenced
MR 68 South	Bulging works South of Louth Commenced
HW 7 South	Shoulder Widening Commenced
<b>3. TRANSPORT SECTOR - Simon Wielinga, Team Leader</b>	
MR 405 Wanaaring Road	Bitumen Construction Romani to Wangamana Commenced
HW 7 South	Shoulder Widening Commenced
<b>4 BITUMEN SECTOR - John Bartley, Team Leader</b>	
Bourke Township	Patching undertaken
Regional roads	Patching undertaken
State Highways	Patching undertaken
State Highways	Slashing Commenced

<b>WORKSHOP – Colin Kiley, Team Leader, Tradesman Plant Mechanic</b>			
<b>Plant no</b>	<b>Rego</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
32	BM39KN	2011 Isuzu NPR	Service carried out, ordered parts for registration, repaired tool box and weld new hinges.
50	CL16AC	Kenworth	Air tank bracket broken, removed bracket, strengthen and repaired bracket, reassemble tank fit to truck. Remove and replace air switch for tippers. Remove and replace two air bags and two broken bolts for tracking rod.
57	CC20UJ	2015 Hino	Back door leaking' remove and replaces back door lock assembly and adjusters. Remove and replace rear tail light assembly rewire plug, repair damage side broom plate and clean out tail lights. Remove and replace middle broom, repair fog lights.
51	YII29U	Mazda BT 50	Two way not working, found faulty aerial cable, removed and replaced cable and mounted.
68	X50802	2011 Moore	Remove and replace trailer plug and clearance lights, repair wiring. Replaced mud flaps and adjust tarps.
101	CS92FY	Ford Ranger	Service carried out. Repair wiring for brake controller and phone.
102	CV32LT	2019 Ford Ranger	Service carried out.
108	63723D	Toro	Service carried out.
111	TB60BR	Dolly	Removed and replaced clearance lights.
132	CP22CH	John Deere	Remove and replace RH rear seal and bearing.
134	94196D	2019 John Deere	Diagnose electrical problem, found faulty wiring and blown fuses, repair wiring and replace fuses.
141	XN84BW	John Deere Grader	Tighten loose bolts in lift and side ram and adjust circle and side shift shims.
150	BV55RE	2013 Caterpillar	Service carried out, repaired broken threads on turning circle and make new holes for sensors.
177	CU43PH	Ford Ranger	Service carried out.
178	CO73PY	Isuzu NPS	Remove and replace head light bulb and adjust lights. Remove and replace flashing light and wiring. Batteries are not charging, test alternator and pulleys, fit charge batteries, repair terminal and wiring. Repair two way radio. Replace fuse and bulbs on flashing lights and check all lights.
180	TD35QS	Car Trailer	Replace damage lights and reflectors, remove and replace wheel bearing.
190	CY21LY	2020 Mazda BT 50	Service carried out.
212		Genset	Service carried out.
220	W87367	Bogie Trailer	Service carried out on pump repair coolant leak. Remove and replace wheel bearing.
260	CT96NB	Mazda BT 50	Service carried out.

265	XN36KU	Isuzu NQR	Service carried out. Assemble new airline and fittings, starter switch and wiring.
298		Caterpillar Compactor	Diagnose hydraulic problem and adjust, repair coolant leaks.
450	CV47LT	2020 Ford Ranger	Service carried out.
506	XN65HG	Kenworth	Service carried out, repair flashing lights, remove and replace LH rear axle seal and brake shoes, adjust brakes and bearing, repair driving lights.
521	YN04BI	Moore's Trailers	Replace hydraulic hose. Repaired wiring on tarp, charging system.
522	YN05BI	Moore's Trailers	Repair hydraulic leak.
<b>Staff Training</b>		Nil	

**Recommendation**

**That Council note the information in the Engineering Services Department Road Works and Workshop Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**

**21.2 PARKS & GARDENS / TOWN SERVICES / WATER & WASTEWATER  
ENGINEERING SERVICES ACTIVITY REPORT**

**File Number:** E7.1  
**Author:** Peter Brown, Manager Works  
**Authoriser:** Mark Riley, General Manager  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Background**

The following information outlines works completed for the period 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 inclusive.

**Current Situation**

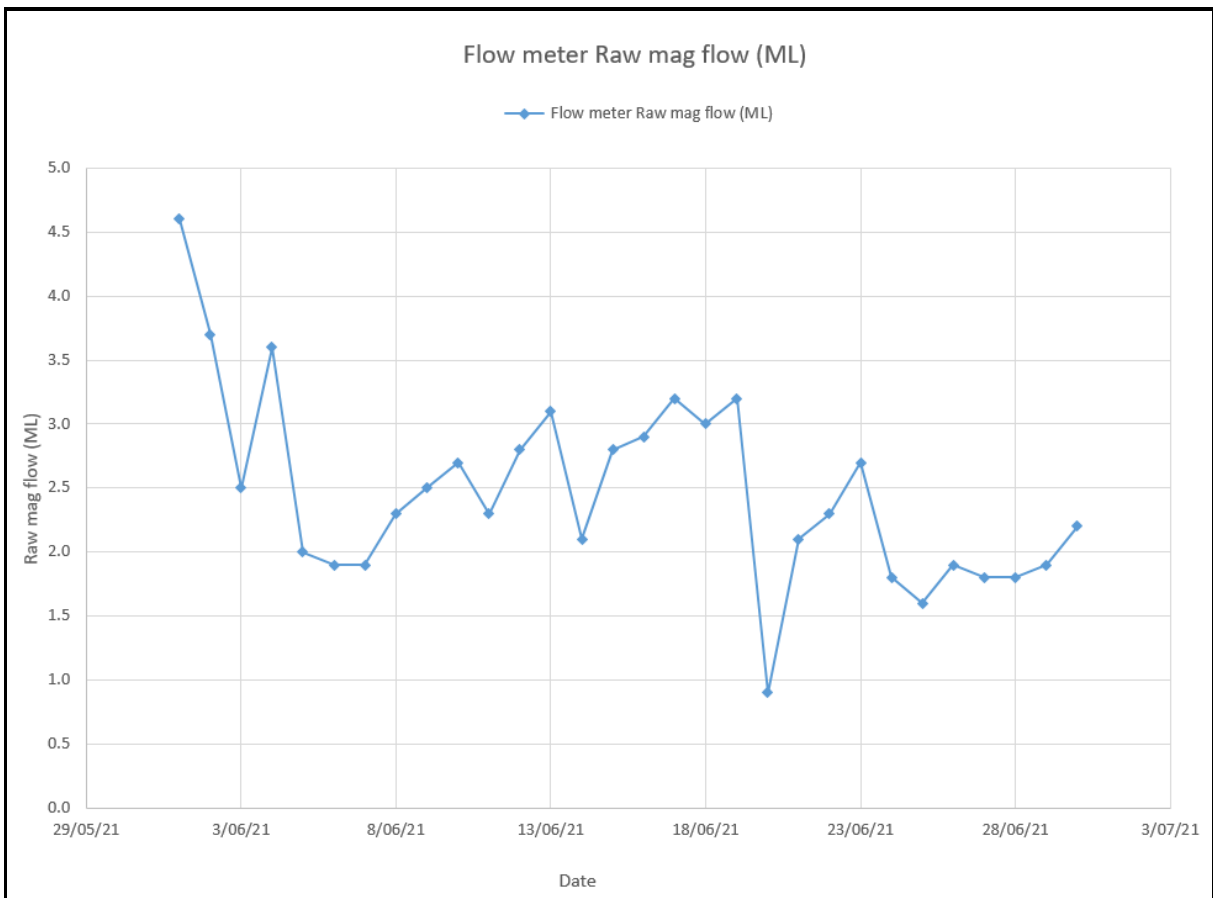
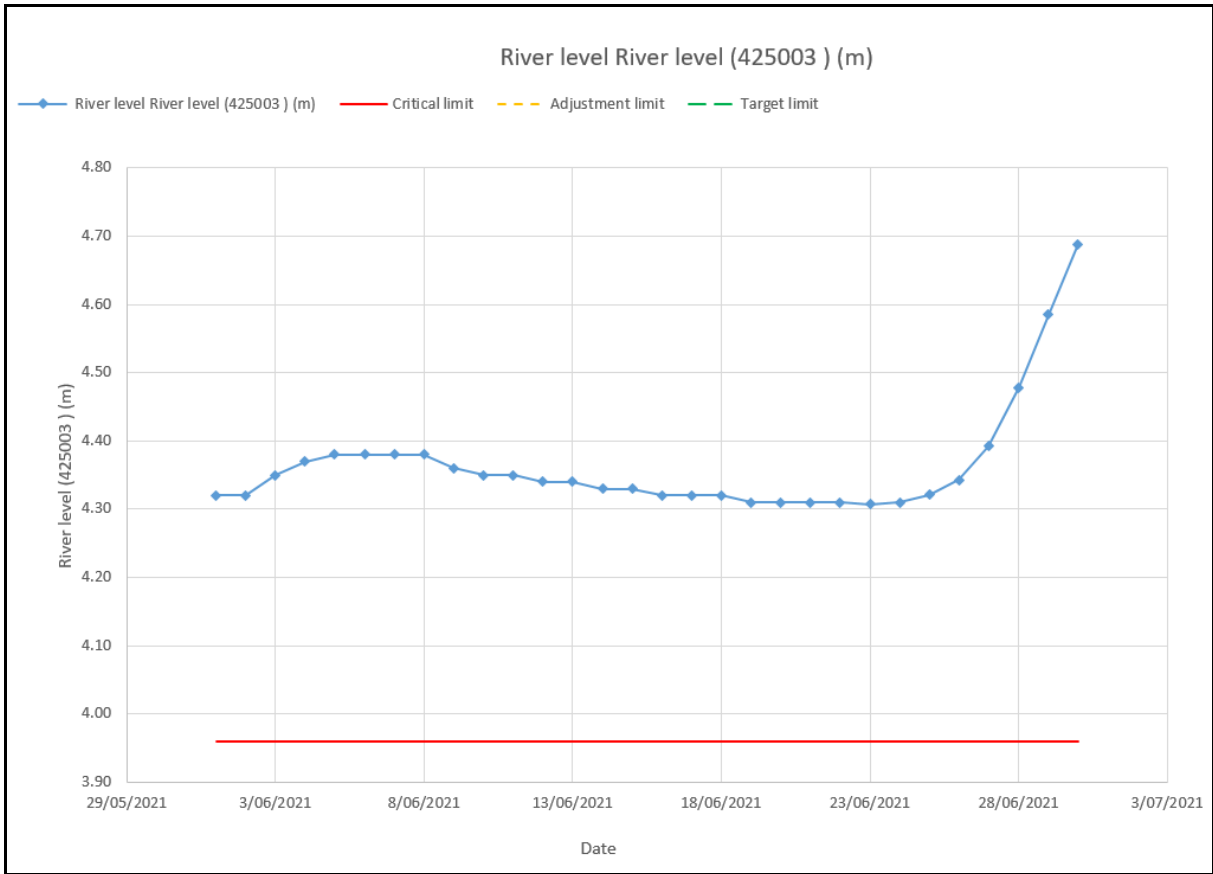
<b>PARKS &amp; GARDENS – Terry Rankmore, Team Leader</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
<b>General</b>	All parks & sporting grounds gardens, regular mowing & maintenance carried out. Sporting grounds facilities cleaned & maintained. Public toilets cleaned & maintained. Clean facilities. General graffiti removal carried out on Council facilities.
<b>Small Plant</b>	Maintenance & service carried out on all ground plant.
<b>Works Requests</b>	Actioned & ongoing.
<b>1 Tudor St</b>	General maintenance carried out.
<b>Wharf</b>	General maintenance carried out.
<b>Council Office</b>	General maintenance carried out.
<b>Renshaw Complex</b>	Grounds, facilities cleaned & maintained. Prepare grounds for gun club.
<b>Coolican Oval</b>	General maintenance carried out. Prepare grounds for Junior Rugby Union Training. Prepare grounds for Ladies Rugby Union Training. Prepare grounds for Bourke Soccer Club.
<b>Davidson Oval</b>	General maintenance carried out. Prepare grounds for Junior and Senior Rugby Union. Prepare grounds for Rugby Union match.
<b>Central Park</b>	Skate Park - regular mowing & maintenance carried out, graffiti removal.
<b>Villages</b>	Mow grounds, facilities cleaned & maintained.
<b>Airport</b>	Mowed airstrip.
<b>Darling Park</b>	General maintenance carried out.
<b>Staff Training</b>	Nil

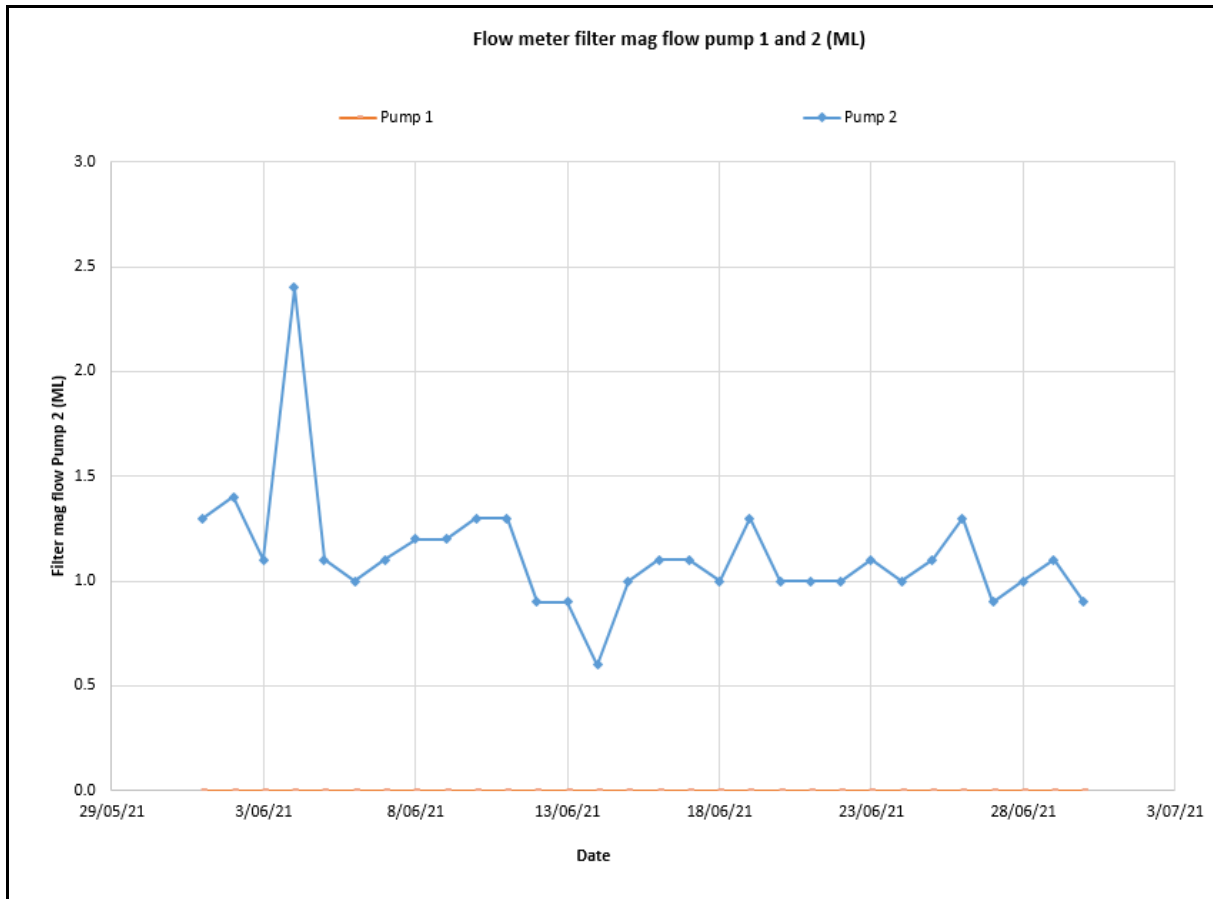
<b>TOWN SERVICES – Troy Hayman, Team Leader</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Work Carried Out</b>
<b>Work Requests</b>	Actioned & ongoing
	Weekly sand footpaths
	Weekly Town mowing
	Relieving Staff in garbage truck
	Daily-Main Street Program
	Daily airport Inspections
	Monthly airport inspections Louth & Wanaaring
<b>Cemetery</b>	Prepared graves:- 2x Graves- 29 June 2021
<b>Rest Areas</b>	Weekly rubbish removal & cleaning along road side
	Mow rest areas –SH7 and SH 7/29
<b>Staff Training</b>	Nil
	Two concrete slab for tables at Walters Park
	Pick up rock along new walkway Tancred Drive
	Town drainage after rain event
	Crane- Wharf stones
	Airport line marking
	Dust Wharf
	Deliver water new rest area Cobar Road
	Louth- erect two give way signs
	Clean laneway behind Old Carriers Arms
	Patch holes in laneway behind bottle-shop
	Spread gravel and crusher dust for new toilet block on Cobar Road
	Pull down temporary fence at Davidson from COVID Testing
	Line marking Main Street



<b>Water &amp; Wastewater – Shane Hopley, Team Leader</b>	
<b>Water Supply Planned Maintenance for</b>	
10 Culgoa Street	Sewer Choke
Back O Bourke Exhibition Centre	Sewer Choke
17 Moculta Street	Sewer Choke
Wharf	Sewer Choke Repair leaking tap in toilets Paint and flush hydrants
Golf Club	Sewer Choke
4 Moculta Street	Sewer Choke
43 Anson Street	Sewer Choke
37 Darling Street	Sewer Choke
1 Oxley Street	Sewer Choke
103 Oxley Street	Sewer Choke
32 Mertin Street	Sewer Choke
Men Shed	Sewer Choke
BSC Depot	Sewer Choke
56 Tudor Street	Sewer Choke
11 Mitchell Street	Sewer Choke
BSC Dump Site	Sewer Choke
14 Tudor Street	Sewer Choke
Vet's	Sewer Choke "Internal"
18 Mertin Street	Low water pressure, blow out and clear
10 Culgoa Street	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repaired service
22 Anson Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service
27 Moculta Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service
155 Anson Street	Repaired leaking 25mm raw water service
69 Mertin Street	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repaired main
55 Darling Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired service
157 Anson Street	Repaired leaking 20mm filtered water service Dug 150mm filtered water main and repaired service
10 Green Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
20 Green Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
North Bourke	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
167 Anson Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
86 Tudor Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
105 Mitchell Street	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repair service
124 Hope Street	Dug 100mm raw water and repaired main
23 Anson Street	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repaired service
6 Culgoa Street	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repaired service
35 Anson Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
140 Meadows Road	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repaired main
Darling Street, North Bourke	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired service
North Bourke	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repaired main

21 Richard Street	Repaired leaking 25mm raw water service
9 Hope Street	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repaired service
4 Culgoa Street	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repaired service
Bore	Power line designed
Bourke Bowling Club	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repaired service
Waltara Bore	Check and service pumps
Renshaw Complex	Repair sprinkler system Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired service
Rotary Park	Pull down pump shed
Anson Street	Installed sprinklers
Fords Bridge	Replace basin shower block
Wanaaring	Dug 100mm water main and repaired service
Louth	Repair leaking 25mm raw water service
Enngonia	Replace leaking fire hydrant Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired service
Darling Park	Installed new irrigation system
Airport	Dug 100mm raw water and replaced main
Ongoing	COVID-19 sewer samples
	Monthly sewer samples
	Water trees
	SPS inspection and M&R
	Water meter replacements
	Paint / Flush raw water hydrant
	Connect new WTP too filtered water system
New Water Treatment Plant	Testing public works
Alice Edwards Village	Routine maintenance & monitoring as per ACP Management Plan
Clara Hart Village	Routine maintenance & monitoring as per ACP Management Plan
Training	Nil





Month	Raw water ML	Filter magflow pump 1 ML	Filter magflow pump 2 ML	Plant magflow kL	Raw Water North Bourke KL	Filter Water North Bourke KL	Raw-filtered ML	Filtered-Plant ML
January 2021	134	-	43	46,142	31,255	2,013	91	4
February 2021	94	-	39	35,843	30,110	2,145	56	-
March 2021	96	-	38	42,136	29,332	2,130	58	-
April 2021	99	-	36	38,561	11,607	1,717	64	-
May 2021	102	-	38	35,621	12,676	1,808	63	-
June 2021	74	-	34	-	8,484	1,735	40	-

Process	Parameter	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Lower critical lim	Upper critical lim	No. of samples
Rainfall	Rainfall	-	0.93	17.00			30
River level	River level (425003 )	4.31	4.36	4.69	3.9		30
Raw Water	pH	7.00	7.45	7.80			30
Raw Water	turbidity	137.00	267.57	431.00			30
Raw Water	Conductivity	270.00	329.67	422.00			30
Filtered water	pH	7.00	7.53	7.80	6.5	8.7	30
Filtered water	Conductivity	287.00	343.47	426.00			30
Clarifier	Turbidity	0.50	0.94	2.10	0.0	4.0	30
Tower	Free Cl2	1.60	2.53	3.60	0.2	5.0	30
Clarifier	Free Cl2	2.90	3.54	4.00	0.2	5.0	30
Filtered water	Free Cl2	3.50	3.77	4.00	1.0	5.0	30
Filtered water	Turbidity	0.20	0.26	0.40	0.0	1.2	30
Bourke High School	Free chlorine	1.00	1.40	2.10	0.2	4.0	3
Bourke High School	pH	7.10	7.20	7.30	6.5	8.5	3
Bourke High School	Turbidity	0.15	0.18	0.20	0.0	0.5	3
WTP	Free chlorine	2.30	2.30	2.30	0.2	4.0	1
WTP	pH	7.30	7.30	7.30	6.5	8.5	1
WTP	Turbidity	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.0	0.5	1
Bourke Primary Sch	Free chlorine	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.2	4.0	1
Bourke Primary Sch	pH	7.40	7.40	7.40	6.5	8.5	1
Bourke Primary Sch	Turbidity	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.0	0.5	1
Meadows Rd	Free chlorine	1.30	1.30	1.30	0.2	4.0	1
Meadows Rd	pH	7.30	7.30	7.30	6.5	8.5	1
Meadows Rd	Turbidity	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.0	0.5	1
Mitchell St	Free chlorine	1.20	1.20	1.20	0.2	4.0	1
Mitchell St	pH	8.50	8.50	8.50	6.5	8.5	1
Mitchell St	Turbidity	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.0	0.5	1
Alice Edwards Villa	Free chlorine	1.90	1.90	1.90	0.2	4.0	1
Alice Edwards Villa	pH	7.30	7.30	7.30	6.5	8.5	1
Alice Edwards Villa	Turbidity	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.0	0.5	1
Kidman Camp	Free chlorine	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.2	4.0	1
Kidman Camp	pH	7.40	7.40	7.40	6.5	8.5	1
Kidman Camp	Turbidity	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.0	0.5	1

No	CCP	Monitoring Parameter	Location	Frequency	Target	Adjustment Level	Critical limit
CCP 1	Clarification	Turbidity	After clarifier	Daily grab sample	<1 NTU	4 NTU	>4 NTU
CCP 2 *	Filtration	Turbidity	After Filters	Daily grab sample	0.4 NTU	1 NTU	>1.2 NTU
CCP 3	Disinfection	Chlorine residual	Filtered Water	Daily grab sample	1.5-2 mg/L	<1.5 mg/L for more than 3 days	<0.5 mg/L or > 5 mg/L
CCP 4	Fluoridation	Fluoride concentration	After filters	Daily grab sample	1.0 mg/L	<0.95 mg/L or >1.0 mg/L	<0.9 mg/L for > 72 hours Or >1.5 mg/L
CCP 5	Reservoirs	Reservoir Integrity	Reservoirs	Weekly	Integrity maintained	Signs of integrity breach	Unable to rectify breaches

**Treatment Plant EPA Licence Compliance**

Record of Effluent Analysis

Pollutant	Unit Of Measure	Licence 100 Percentile Concentration Limit	Jan 2021 TEST	Feb 2021 TEST	Mar 2021 TEST	Apr 2021 TEST	May 2021 TEST
Oil & Grease	mg/L	10	4		<2		3
pH		6.5-8.5	9.38		10.1		9.56
Nitrogen (total)	mg/L	15	10.3		11.7		9.6
Phosphorus (total)	mg/L	10	1.30		1.10		2.01
Total suspended solids	mg/L	20	36		102		106
Biochemical oxygen demand	mg/L	15	12		18		23

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

- Rainfall in Bourke for June 2021 was 19 mm
- Hottest day for June 2021 was 24.8 degrees
- Coldest day for June 2021 was -0.3 degrees

**Recommendation**

That Council note the information in the Parks & Gardens, Town Services and Water and Waste Water Engineering Services Department Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 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

**Current Situation**

Development Approvals			
Delegated Authority or Council	Consent Type & Consent No.	Subject Land	Nature of Development
Delegated	DA 2021/0013	Lot 2 Section 14 DP 725781 17 Castlereagh Street, North Bourke	Installation of transportable dwelling with attached veranda

Total value of Approved works for June 2021	= \$225,000
No. of Development Application Approvals for June 2021	= 1
No. of Complying Development Application Approvals for June 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
Airport	Maintenance works completed as required

Animal Control		
Bourke Shire Council Holding Facility	Dogs	Cats
Animals in Pound beginning of Month	6	0
Seized	7	7
Surrendered	2	0
Handed in by members of the public	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>
Euthanased	1	7
Returned to Owner	0	0
Released from Pound	4	0
Re-housed	8	0
Died in Pound	1	0

Escaped from Pound	0	0
Animals Remaining at End of Month	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>
Stock Rested in Stock Yards	0	

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

**Recommendation**

That the information in the Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be received and noted.



**21.4 GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT**

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**Background**

Activities carried out by the General Manager since the last Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 28 June 2021.

**Current Situation**

**24 June 2021**

**COVID Confusion**

On Thursday last week, just as details of the Bourke Community COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic were being released in Bourke, the Federal Health Minister, the Hon Greg Hunt, was announcing that the Australian Government had made the decision that only people over 60 should now take the AstraZeneca COVID vaccine due to 12 new cases of a rare, but sometimes serious, blood condition.

Being under 60 years of age and having had my first dose of the Astra vaccine a few weeks ago now, I along with some 815,000 other Australians over the age of 50 who had received their first dose, were caught up in the confusion of the announcement. The Nations Chief Medical Officer subsequently urged the over 50's first dose Astra cohort, to proceed with the second dose despite the changed advice. Whilst people's hesitancy given the changing advice is understood, from my perspective it is imperative to get that second dose.

As I write this column, I have yet to hear the outcome of the Community Vaccination Clinic held in Bourke on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. It is my hope that the community did take advantage of this great opportunity as provided by the Western NSW Local Health District. As a result of the Federal Health Ministers advice last week, the LHD revised their criteria in terms of the vaccines available in Bourke. In this regard the Pfizer Vaccine was available to All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people between the ages of 16 and 59 years old and anyone aged between 40 to 59 years old. The AstraZeneca vaccine was available to all people over the age of 60.

**Andrew and Belinda Hurst**

As previously reported in the Western Herald, Commander of the Central North Police District, Superintendent Andrew Hurst and family will be leaving Bourke shortly with Andrew taking up a leadership role at the new Crime Prevention Command at Police Headquarters in Parramatta. Andrew's wife Belinda, also in the Police Force, has secured a position at a South West Sydney Station. One of Andrews's final Official tasks before he leaves Bourke is to meet with Councillors following next Mondays Council Meeting, as he has done most months during his time as Commander. These briefing sessions are a valuable interface between Council and the Police and allow discussions on relevant matters relating to the community.

Andrews new position relates to studies he completed last year at the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom and the Churchill Fellowship he was awarded to identify behavioural change

programs for domestic violence (DV) offenders. Andrews's passion in seeking to see reductions in DV incidents will see him well placed to pursue such an outcome.

Without wanting to gazump Monday's discussions, I am certain that the Mayor and Councillors will be quick to congratulate him on his new role and wish Andrew, Belinda and family all the very best for their move to Sydney and also thank him for his contribution in improving the quality of life of residents in not just Bourke, but the wider Central North Police District.

### **Open Day at Toorale Water Infrastructure**

Preparations are well underway for an Open Day at Toorale this Saturday 26 June 2021. Park neighbours, downstream landowners, research organisations, government agencies and those interested in Toorale and environmental water will see Boera and Homestead Dam sites first-hand before construction begins next month.

The Open Day will provide an opportunity to learn more about the aims, benefits and challenges of the dam project, and the social, cultural and environmental values that have been considered. During the day, input from stakeholders will be recorded to help inform a process to keep everyone involved throughout the project until completion.

Whilst the Open Day is contingent on suitable weather, on-site conditions and COVID restrictions, numbers are limited for safety reasons and COVID health protocols. If you have any inquiries, please email [Toorale.project@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Toorale.project@environment.nsw.gov.au).

### **Local Government Elections**

As previously advised elections for Councillors on the Bourke Shire Council will be held on Saturday 4 September 2021. I received advice this week that the Indigenous business, Politics in Colour, will be holding a workshop at Dubbo Regional Council from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday 3 July 2021 aimed at encouraging more aboriginal people to become involved in their local Council elections. The free workshop includes seven interactive sessions over one day, covering topics like the Local Government political system, candidate eligibility, governance and risk management, building community support, running for Local office and much, much more. If you're interested you can register at: <https://events.humanitix.com/dubbo-council-political-candidate-training>

### **Next Council Meeting**

The next monthly meeting of Bourke Shire Council will be held on Monday, 28 June 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, as per Councils adopted Code of Meeting Practice, they must first make an application to the Council which must be received by 4.00pm on Friday, 25 June 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 Council on 6830 8000 if you wish to speak at the Forum.

### **Department of Regional NSW**

In between last week's visit to Bourke by the Governor and a host of other activities, Mayor Barry, Councils Manager Corporate Services, Leonie Brown and I were afforded the opportunity to meet with the Secretary of the NSW Department of Regional NSW, Gary Barnes and his Executive Leadership Team. This was a fantastic opportunity which allowed us to talk about numerous matters relating to Bourke. Gary and his team were in Bourke to participate in the Maranguka

Cultural Competency Training Program held over two (2) days at the Back O' Bourke Function Centre. These Programs are being well received by Government and it is pleasing to see Departmental Secretaries and other high ranking government officials in Bourke to attend this training.

### **Birrang Driver Training**

Over recent months as I have moved to and from the Council Offices in Mitchell St, I have noticed a woman regularly in attendance at the building in a Birrang Uniform. Her regular attendance ultimately got the better of me and I sourced out who she was and why she was regularly there. I was advised that Zerelda O'Toole is part of the Birrang Learner Driver Program which is about eliminating kids not holding or being eligible to gain a driver's licence, which if not addressed, is a significant barrier to employment.

Once the learner has achieved a consistent pass rate, in respect of the NSW Driver Knowledge Test, Zerelda guides the student through the process of booking their learner driver test at the Service NSW Kiosk at Bourke Council. Once the learners permit has been achieved, Zerelda then assists the client to accrue the hours of driving required to gain their provisional licence.

Birrang Enterprise has purchased dual control cars which they use to assist the learners in general operations of the vehicle and to accrue their hours. I am told that for the majority of the students who start the driver training, without the avenue to accrue the required hours a Provisional licence would not be able to be achieved.

The gaining of their licence removes a major vocational barrier. As Birrang advises, obtaining a licence also has a positive ripple effect on many non-vocational barriers e.g. improved levels of confidence and motivation and an elevated level of independence. A good outcome for both the individual and the community. Good job Birrang and Zerelda.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK! **"Once I got my drivers licence, everyone treated me like an adult."** – Candice Cameron.

### **1 July 2021**

#### **Health Alert in Bourke**

Last Thursday evening at approximately 9.20pm, Mayor Barry received a telephone call from the Chief Executive of the Western NSW Local Health District (WNSWLHD), Scott McLachlan. Scott advised that as a result of NSW Health's ongoing sewage surveillance program in Bourke, fragments of the virus that cause COVID-19 had been detected at the Bourke Sewage Treatment Plant.

Phone calls, texts, and emails all followed and resulted in the Western NSW Local Health District mobilising very quickly to establish a drive-through clinic at Davidson Oval, with testing commencing by 9.30am the next morning. The drive-through clinic operated for four (4) days and I extend Councils thanks to Chris Druce and her staff from the LHD who operated the clinic so efficiently for those days. Interestingly I saw a news segment on Sunday evening reporting that in Sydney, there was a one hour wait for testing !

I received my first phone call from the media at 5.23am on Friday morning. Meetings, media, questions, inspections.....it was a busy day and certainly not just for me, but for a variety of Council staff and the numerous other parties involved as a result of the announcement. Police, Regional NSW, NSW Fire and Rescue, Rural Fire Service, Community and Justice, and obviously

NSW Health, to name but a few of the Agencies. Friday evening saw Mayor Barry appearing on a COVID segment on Nine News that was aired in Sydney after a hastily arranged interview for him earlier in the day in Bourke.

On Sunday, NSW Health advised that the “ongoing sewage surveillance program has found no fragments of the virus that causes COVID-19 at the Bourke sewage treatment plant in western NSW. After a positive sample from the Bourke sewage treatment plant was returned on 22 June, samples collected on two occasions on Friday detected no fragments of the virus.” Phew. Despite the receipt of this most relieving news, what is very evident is that this pandemic is not going away very quickly. Since Friday, matters have moved such that the Greater Sydney area, including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Wollongong, is now in lockdown until Friday 9 July 2021. A two (2) week lockdown. There are also restrictions in place for the balance of NSW, including Bourke, which includes the wearing of masks at non-residential settings, including indoor workplaces and at organised outdoor events, at least for the next two weeks. The [nsw.gov.au](http://nsw.gov.au) website provides the various other requirements.

Good hand hygiene, physical distancing, use of QR codes to check-in and staying home and getting tested if you're feeling sick, are practices that are undoubtedly now more important than ever.

### **Mark Coulton MP**

I was disappointed to read last week that with the change of leadership at the Federal National Party, the Federal Member for Parkes and the Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government, the Hon Mark Coulton MP, was being touted as a “casualty” of an expected reshuffle of cabinet posts by the new Party Leader, Barnaby Joyce. The reshuffle became reality last Sunday afternoon. Politics is a tough game.

In sending Mark a quick message, I stated that the ability for the Council of Bourke to have had direct access to a Federal Minister had been fantastic. I have always appreciated Marks ability to simply get things done. He was always happy to be of assistance to me in my former role at Dubbo Council and nothing had changed when I requested assistance now that I am in Bourke. As an example, it was Marks office that was initially contacted by Council in respect of the view that a COVID Vaccination Clinic was considered necessary in Bourke. Mark worked with Scott McLachlan of the LHD and within a couple of weeks, the vaccination team arrives in Bourke. Good one. Mark was on the phone last week to advise that Councils application under Round 3 of the Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Program had been successful in the amount of \$974,000 to allow Council to undertake the ‘Back O Bourke Exhibition Centre - Updating our History’ project. Mark is still the Federal Member for Parkes representing Bourke; however, I extend a thank you to Mark Coulton for his significant efforts whilst he held his Ministerial posts.

### **Flag Raising Ceremony**

In the company of Mayor Barry and Councils Manager Corporate Services, Leonie Brown, we attended a flag raising ceremony at the Bourke Police Station last Thursday to recognise the initial raising of the Aboriginal Flag at the Station. Phil Sullivan gave a great Welcome to Country whilst Deputy Commissioner Gary Worboys APM spoke passionately about the importance of the occasion. It was good to catch up with various Officers, including Assistant Commissioner Geoff McKechnie from Dubbo who is the Commander of the Western Region NSW Police Force. I also caught up with Natasha Everett who is now the Business Manager with Western Region. Natasha worked at Dubbo Council essentially during my term as General Manager and she worked and

studied hard to better her career prospects and it was great to catch up with her and talk about her new role.

### **Online Planning Portal**

From 1 July 2021, all Development Applications (DA's), Complying Development Certificates, Construction, Occupation or Subdivision Certificates are required to be lodged via the NSW Planning Portal. Council will no longer be able to accept paper applications over the counter or electronically, via email with the Portal aiming to improve application determination times, increase the transparency of the planning system, and ensure greater accountability of all stakeholders.

The NSW Planning Portal is an online system that has been developed by the NSW Government's Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE). The system will allow our customers to submit and track their planning applications 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Council would encourage residents who are looking to shortly lodge an application to either talk to their builder, designer or contact Council to find out more about the Portal.

The Portal also contains a comprehensive collection of resources that will assist applicants and developers with Quick Reference Guides, Fact Sheets, Useful Links and much more.

Further information regarding the NSW Planning Portal is available on Council's website at [www.bourke.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bourke.nsw.gov.au), by contacting Council on 6830 8000 or by visiting the NSW Planning Portal at <https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/support-training/applicant-resources>

### **NSW State Budget.**

The NSW State Budget was handed down last week and there was a fair bit in it for local government and the communities it represents. Some of the relevant features are:

The provision of a one-off payment to Councils to fully fund the increase in local government's 2021/22 Emergency Services Levy (ESL) contributions. This payment will ensure that Bourke Council pays the same amount in 2021/2022 as it did in the 2019/2020 financial year pre-COVID-19. \$240 million was provided for next year to improve road and connectivity conditions and help support jobs through the Fixing Local Roads and Bridges program. Bourke Council has received close to \$10m in the last 12 months via this program to undertake the sealing of various roads in the Shire including the Coronga Peak Road, with works on this road currently underway. Almost \$332 million has been provided in 2021/2022 for road safety investment such as audio tactile markings, wide centre lines and crash barriers for regional roads. \$250m has been provided to support upgrades to regional roads as part of the Regional Road Transfer and Road Classification Review. This review is about the NSW Government potentially taking back responsibility for some 15,000 km of roads throughout NSW. Council previously presented to the Review Panel based on ownership of the Bourke - Wanaaring Road being transferred to the NSW Government, as a minimum. Councils transfer offer is also on the basis of Council entering into a contract with Government which would see Council continuing to undertake both improvement works and the necessary program and emergency maintenance works on the roadway. This budget funding will enable the review to progress.

Importantly, the budget also includes \$64million over four (4) years for what the Government refers to as the "Future Ready Regions" strategy to progress drought resilience initiatives. I further note that \$27.9 million was committed over four (4) years to fund the expansion of the NSW Drug Court to Dubbo in an effort to tackle the ice epidemic that has particularly afflicted regional communities.

Quote of the week: **“The difference between a politician and a statesman is that a politician thinks about the next election while the statesman thinks about the next generation.”**

— James Freeman Clarke

## 8 July 2021

### COVID Marches On

Following on from the announcement that fragments of the COVID-19 virus had been found in a test of sewage from the Bourke treatment plant, it was very pleasing to hear, and a relief, that subsequent sewage samples from the plant came back negative. That’s not to say that we can relax in our approach to COVID.

Last week the NSW Government determined that the use of Service NSW QR codes will be mandatory at all workplaces and all retail businesses from Monday 12 July 2021. In expanding the mandate, the NSW Government is aiming to give NSW Health contact tracers real-time access to QR code data from a greater number of venues including supermarkets, retail stores, gyms and offices. The new requirements are spelt out on the NSW Government website, [www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au) and it is noted that businesses that fail to comply with the new QR code requirements may be subject to fines and in the case of flagrant breaches, temporary closure orders. Businesses who need to register for the NSW Government QR code can find the application form and more information at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/register-your-business-as-covid-safe> For visitors without a digital device, other check-in forms must be available.

I imagine that we are all now well aware of the fact that Face Masks must be worn in indoor areas excluding residential premises. Last week staff at the Back O’ Bourke were subjected to abuse by an individual who simply wouldn’t wear a mask upon entering the Centre, despite the fact that the requirement was well signposted, and the Centre was providing facemasks for free. Staff handled the situation perfectly; however, they really shouldn’t have to be subjected to such carry on. We would all prefer not to have to wear a mask at work, it’s far from perfect, but if that’s what it takes to keep me, my family, my work colleagues and the community safe, then so be it. The COVID situation is very fluid with advice changing frequently. Keep an eye on the nsw.gov.au website for the latest updates.

### Rural Financial Counselling Service.

I had a long conversation this week with a disappointed Jeff Caldbeck, Chief Executive Officer of the Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW - Central Region (RFCSCR), based in Dubbo. For many years Jeff has overseen the operations of this most important service for rural communities including Bourke Shire. Following the decision by Government to award a tender that would merge the RFCS Central Region into the Southern Region such that the western rural sector will be serviced by an operation based in Wagga Wagga, Jeff and his team have been busy winding their operations up. I know Jeff from way back when he did a great job as the CEO of the Dubbo City Development Corporation. He is a community minded person who, in his “spare time”, is also the President of the Dubbo RSL Memorial Club, a club which in 2020 achieved revenues of some \$22m. In talking with Jeff, it wasn’t about his future, rather, it was about concern for “his counsellors” and their clients.

In Bourke, the changes have seen the local Rural Financial Counsellor, June, finish up and move to Tamworth to work as a Counsellor in that part of the state. June started in Bourke in December 2018 and has some 20 years’ experience in similar counselling roles in Western Australia and

South Australia before she headed east to Bourke. I take this opportunity to thank Jeff and June for their efforts in Bourke and wish them the best for the future. As for a replacement, I understand Southern are looking for a new counsellor. Clients and stakeholders will still be able to access services provided under the Rural Financial Counselling Program via the new agency. All the services that have traditionally been accessed via RFCSCR can be accessed via the Southern Region, 37 Morgan Street, Wagga Wagga, Phone: [1800 319 458](tel:1800319458) and at [www.rfcsnsw.com.au](http://www.rfcsnsw.com.au)

### **Heritage Items**

Back in September 2020, Council 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 in 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. Letters were sent out accordingly. Last week at its June 2021 Ordinary meeting, Council gave consideration to the responses received and resolved to make an amendment to the Bourke Local Environmental Plan 2012 to enable the heritage listing of various potential heritage items in the Bourke Shire. A copy of both the full determination of Council and the list of proposed heritage items is included in the Business Paper/Minutes section of Council's website, [www.bourke.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bourke.nsw.gov.au). In making its determination, Council also resolved that specific correspondence be provided to each individual property owner as part of the LEP amendment process to advise the proposed change to the heritage status of their property. Council is very keen for property owners to be aware of the potential listing of properties.

In other Heritage news, Council received advice this week that the NSW Heritage Minister had approved a grant of up to \$11,000 to Bourke Shire Council as part of the Small Heritage Grant program. This funding will be available to renovator's keen to restore heritage items in the Bourke Shire area. The amount of funding is by no means substantial; however, every cent helps.

### **New Murray-Darling Basin Water Information Portal**

The Bureau of Meteorology launched the first version of its new Murray-Darling Basin Water Information Portal last week. The portal includes information on water availability, allocation, volumes, water take, trade and prices, environmental water, weather and climate for the Murray-Darling Basin.

Whilst this information was available in the past, it was located in a range of different locations. The new portal aims to make it easier for communities, water users and other interested people to easily find all the information they need in one place.

The Bureau has worked with the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, the Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, and the Basin states including NSW to create the portal. It seeks to provide water information that users want; in the way they want it.

You can visit the new portal and provide information to develop future versions on the Bureau's website at [www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au) and then search Murray Darling Basin.

### **Safer Quad Bikes**

I see quite a few quad bikes on the back of tray back utes or on trailers as they roll through Bourke.

I was interested to see an article from NSW Farmers advising that the NSW Government had provided an additional \$3.7 million in funding to extend the popular Quad Bike Safety Improvement Program to June 2023, as well as new guidelines that will make the program more accessible to farmers and rural businesses that service the farming community. Since its



introduction in 2016, the rebate program has distributed more than \$5 million, promoting a total investment of around \$57 million in quad bike safety on farms. The article noted that there was no longer a limit on the number of applicants per ABN for the \$2,000 safety rebate, making the program more accessible to small farms and rural businesses.

The unfortunate thing about quad bikes is that, as per the NSW Farmers article, “over 280 people have been killed on quad bikes in Australia over the last 20 years with the average economic cost of each quad bike fatality estimated to be \$2.59 million.”

To their credit, NSW Farmers has advocated for a comprehensive approach to improving quad bike safety. The extended rebate program promotes the adoption of a range of safety solutions including helmets, operator protection devices, and side by side vehicles.

NSW Farmers administers the Quad Bike Safety Rebates Program on behalf of SafeWork NSW. If you’re a farmer or a farm worker, and have one of these bikes, check out the eligibility requirements and how to apply at: [www.nswfarmers.org.au](http://www.nswfarmers.org.au)

Quote of the week: **“There is one way out of this sh\*\*fight. All of us who can need to get vaccinated as soon as possible. If we don’t, lack of sport will be the least of our problems. Roll up your sleeves, and take one for the team.”** - Former Wallaby, author, journalist, radio and television presenter, Peter Fitzsimons writing in his “Fitz Files” Column in the Sydney Morning Herald.

## 15 July 2021

### **Bourke’s Main Street**

Following concerns being raised regarding inappropriate behaviour in Oxley St, Bourke, a meeting with traders was convened by Council last week. The meeting was fortunate to have in attendance Detective Inspector Jeff Little, Officer-In-Charge Bourke Police and Ms Kate Sheehan from NSW Health, Mental Health Unit.

Both Detective Inspector Little and Ms Sheehan spoke articulately in regards to their respective fields and their advice was very much appreciated by all in attendance. The bottom line in respect of incidences of inappropriate behaviour, whether that be from persons yelling and screaming, which causes affront, through to shoplifting and beyond, is for shop owners to ring the Bourke Police on 6870 0899 and report the matter. There are rigid processes to be followed in respect of matters involving mental health, however the Police are very much the first port of call.

All such calls are logged and form part of a brief where matters move forward in a legal perspective. The receptiveness of Inspector Little and Ms Sheehan in attending the meeting was acknowledged by Mayor Barry on the evening and I certainly add my thanks and look forward to shopkeepers taking the suggested action .

### Variety Bash

Advice was received this week that the Variety Clubs Big Bash has been moved from August till November 2021 due to the current COVID restrictions. The advice was that the Variety Club Bash “will now be in town on Wednesday night the 24th November 2021” with dinner planned at the Bourke Bowling Club and breakfast at the Bourke Public School.

The Variety Bash is not a race or a rally. It’s an adventure with friends driving 30 year old plus cars through regional parts of Australia that might not be otherwise seen, all in support of Variety, which is a Children’s Charity. Throughout the Bash, participants visit local towns, stopping into schools and organisations to visit kids. Bashers get to see the direct impact of their fundraising efforts along the way, with a range of educational, health and mobility equipment provided to local schools and organisations en-route. Festivities along the way include theme nights to



entertainment and other activities and games on the road. This year's bash will travel from Sydney Zoo at Bungaree through to Bakers Creek, Rockhampton, Queensland, via Bourke, a nice little journey of some 4,400kms over 10 days. Good on them.

### **Mundi Mundi Bash**

Located on the western side of Silverton, outside of Broken Hill, are the Mundi Mundi Plains, a flat expanse of land that seem to go forever. The Mundi-Mundi Bash will be held on these Plains from 19-21 August 2021, with all 10,000 tickets sold out. Yes, 10,000 tickets. Ticketholders will get to experience a unique three (3) day festival with headline entertainment including Paul Kelly, Shannon Noll, Glenn Shorrock, Wendy Matthews, Dragon and The Radiators, to name but some of the acts. The important thing for Bourke is that participants who are attending the Bash, whose normally reside in the northern part of NSW or in Queensland, will undoubtedly travel through Bourke both before and after the event. This is great news for Bourke businesses and for our local tourism opportunities. All going COVID well, I would expect that Bourke will experience an influx of travellers in the week before and after the event.

### **COVID Requirements**

Whilst not wanting to sound like a broken record, a reminder that face masks must still be worn in indoor areas, excluding residential premises, and the mandatory use of Service NSW QR codes at all workplaces and all retail businesses is now in place. If you are in any doubt as to your obligations, the various requirements are spelt out on the NSW Government website, [www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au)

If you operate a businesses and you still need to register for a NSW Government QR code, you can source an application form and more information at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/register-your-business-as-covid-safe> for visitors without a digital device, other check-in forms must be available. I noticed from last weeks "Police News" in The Western Herald that, "Anyone with information regarding individuals or businesses in contravention of COVID-19 related ministerial directions is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000." It was a call to Police that resulted in various players from the St George Dragons coming under significant public and media scrutiny last week as a result of their non-compliance with COVID requirements at a party in Shellharbour. Whilst a very serious matter the speculation amongst long time Dragons supporters that they may get a "call up" to back fill for the suspended positions, was quite amusing. I happened to have rung a fellow Dragons fan last week ,who is in his late 60's, who answered the phone with a "Is that You Hook?" with Hook being the nickname of Dragons Coach Anthony Griffin! With Sydney still under stay at home restrictions, keep an eye on the [nsw.gov.au](http://nsw.gov.au) website for the latest updates.

### **COVID Funding**

The NSW Government has announced a new grants package and changes to the Dine & Discover NSW program to help businesses and people across NSW impacted by the current COVID-19 restrictions. This includes regional businesses impacted by a loss of trade during the school holiday period. For full details, please go to: [www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au)

A good news story in regards to Dine and Discover NSW vouchers. You can now use your vouchers at the Back O Bourke Exhibition Centre either in the Café, to journey through the Centre or take a cruise on the PV Jandra. If you intend to use your voucher to cruise on the Jandra, you will need to purchase your ticket at the Exhibition Centre.

### **Pilgrimage**

I had an opportunity to have dinner last week with Fr Carl McKander, Parish Priest of St Patrick's Parish in Wellington and Fr Ravi Muvvala, Parish Priest here in Bourke. Fr Ravi was telling us of a

project that he is working on which is a Pilgrimage to Bourke to honour Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta, before being canonised as a Saint in 2016, first arrived in Australia in 1969 to open a Missionaries of Charity Convent in Bourke. A Nobel peace prize laureate, I was unaware of her visits and involvement in Bourke, all those years ago.

Fr Ravi said the Pilgrimage would be held from Sunday 19 September 2021 through till Wednesday 22 September 2021. To that end, Fr Ravi has advised of a Planning Committee Meeting to be held on Saturday 17 July 2021 at 10am at the Mercy Convent, Parish Meeting Room and I am happy to bring such meeting to the attention of interested people in the Bourke Community. From a tourism perspective the Pilgrimage is a concept that could bring numerous people to Bourke for a period of time, with the idea being to utilise and showcase various attractions in the community such as Mt Oxley, Mt Gundabooka and the PV Jandra.

### Local Government Elections

Within today's Western Herald is an extensive Public Notice setting out information for candidates in respect of the Local Government Elections to be held on 4 September 2021. If you're considering nominating as a candidate for these elections, I would encourage you read the notice. It provides general guidance about the process of nominating, and importantly, provides information in respect of obligations and responsibilities for candidates. Candidate nominations open on Monday 26 July 2021 and close at 12 noon, Wednesday 4 August, 2021.

If you are in the "will I, or wont I" phase of potentially being a candidate, there is a significant amount of resources that are available on Councils website for review to assist in your decision making process. These can be accessed at the following link:

<https://bourke.nsw.gov.au/council/2021-local-council-elections/>

Quote of the week: **"We have to quash the community transmission because if we don't, we will see thousands and thousands of people in hospital and lots of people, thousands of people, potentially, dying."** - NSW Premier, the Hon Gladys Berajiklian on announcing extended stay at home requirements for Sydney.

**22/07/2021**

### COVID Impacts

As Sydney continues to battle the COVID virus with story after story emerging of people going through hardship, it is easy to forget that the virus is having a significant economic impact on our community as well. As an example, I had a call from a very disappointed Jim Strachan, President of the Louth Turf Club advising that the Louth Races planned for 7 August 2021 had been abandoned for this year. Whilst undoubtedly not an easy decision, it is considered that it is the correct decision in light of the current state of COVID. Running an event such as the Louth Races involves hours and hours of people's time in getting organised for the event and requires many thousands of dollars to be outlaid for bar and catering expenses. The Louth Races attracts many people to the Shire and the financial "spin off" to the community will be missed again this year. As the Club has said on its Facebook site, though, "2022 will be a triumphant return." Great to see a positive outlook.

Here in Bourke, from last week, we have seen a drastic downturn in visitor numbers, undoubtedly off the back of travel restrictions in respect of leaving Greater Sydney and calls from the Premiers of Victoria and Queensland urging residents to get home before a hard border lockdown is imposed. This has now come to fruition in respect of the NSW/Victorian border. For the last 6

weeks, some 100 plus visitors a day have attended the Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre. Last week, this figure dropped to below 30 visitors a day. That's quite a reduction. Similarly, the Port of Bourke Hotel has reported a significant reduction in patronage, as have Caravan Parks and so on throughout the community. We are now in a period that is normally Bourke's Tourist Season and I encourage businesses that are affected to investigate and take advantage of Government COVID Business Packages.

### **COVID Vaccinations.**

Bourke residents who had previously lined up for their 1<sup>st</sup> dose of the Pfizer vaccination back on Tuesday 22 June or Wednesday 23 June 2021, received their 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of the vaccine last week at a Western NSW Local Health District Clinic. Those who received their first round of the AstraZenaca vaccine in June will receive their follow up jab in September 2021. Following COVID fragments having been found in the Bourke sewage and the current situation in Sydney, I suspect that those who have already taken the opportunity to get vaccinated are feeling quite good in themselves with a high level of comfort in respect of fighting the virus.

The good news is that the Western NSW Local Health District will be holding further first dose COVID-19 vaccination clinics on Tuesday 24 August and Wednesday 25 August 2021 at the Full Gospel Fellowship Church, cnr Short and Tarcoon Sts, Bourke. On Thursday 26 August 2021, the LHD Clinic is attending Enngonia.

You are eligible for vaccination if you are:

- Aged over 40 years old;
- An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person aged over 16 years old;
- From a recognised vulnerable or priority group and aged over 16 years old.

Details of how to book an appointment at these Western NSW Local Health District clinics will be advised shortly.

If you wish to register for clinics offered by other providers in or near our community, visit the online Eligibility Checker or call Health Direct on 1800 022 222.

Like the previous clinic held in Bourke in June, this is a fantastic service to the Bourke Community by the WNSWLHD. I encourage residents to take advantage of it.

### **Local Government Elections**

The peak body for local government in NSW, LGNSW, has advised member councils that after a recent meeting with the Office of Local Government and NSW Electoral Commission, COVID-safe Council Elections will proceed on 4 September 2021. There was considerable concern in the industry that due to the COVID outbreak in Sydney that the elections may not proceed.

Changes to State Government regulations, as announced last week, will help support fair, transparent and, above all, safe elections. As part of the changes, voters are able to vote in person, by post or online using iVote if eligible.

The new rules focus on ensuring COVID-safe voting, which allows every eligible members of the community an opportunity to elect the council of their choice through broadening of pre-poll eligibility to all electors, an expansion of postal voting eligibility and making online voting using iVote available to eligible electors

Further details will be provided on these options in due course.

The amendments also provide scope for restrictions on campaign posters and handing out electoral materials where these restrictions are necessary for public health reasons.

### **Working at the Federal Election**

In preparation for the next federal election, the Australian Electoral Commission maintains a national register of people who are interested in working during such elections. Interestingly, the Commission employs around 80,000 people in over 7,000 polling places across Australia to help deliver federal elections.

The Australian Electoral Commission is currently seeking expressions of interest from people who wish to be considered for work when the next election is called. The work is paid – not voluntary – so you will get paid for working at federal elections and you don't need previous election experience to work at these elections as full training is provided.

If you're interested and for further details, go to the Commissions website: [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au).

### **Farm Safety Training Week**

I was pleased to read that Tocal College, based at Patterson in the Hunter Valley of NSW, will be offering a series of accredited courses aimed at improving farm safety in Bourke from 2-6 August 2021. Tocal College is part of the Tocal Agricultural Centre—a Centre of Excellence within the NSW Department of Primary Industries which has established itself as a leading provider of specialised training to rural industries.

The training courses, as mentioned, are focussed on improving farm safety and include courses relating to Working Safely at Heights, Entering and Working in Confined Spaces, Chainsaw Skills, Farm Workshop and Welding Skills, Chemical Application and Risk Management and WHS. Interestingly, over the five (5) day period that the College is in Bourke, they will be offering a daily course on operating Quad Bikes and Side by Sides as an obvious focus in respect of farm safety. If you are interested in participating it is suggested that you contact Jayne Wood, Skills Training Coordinator by telephone 02 6763 1285 or email; [jayne.wood@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jayne.wood@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

### **Toorale Water Infrastructure Project**

Advice has been received that construction to upgrade water infrastructure on the Boera and Homestead Dams, under the second phase of the Toorale Water Infrastructure Project, will commence on 2 August 2021.

Following the tendering process, the NSW Government awarded the construction contract to Australian infrastructure company, Pensar. Pensar brings experience in water infrastructure work to the project including the recent completion of the Walgett Weir Project.

Last week, trucks delivered the last 700 tonnes of graded rock and precast concrete in preparation for construction.

The NSW Government has advised that the new infrastructure at Boera and Homestead Dams will enable more water to flow to the Darling River, particularly when flows have been low for an extended period, while also ensuring important habitats on Toorale receive water when needed.

They have noted that fishways to be constructed as part of the upgrade will increase connectivity and support healthier fish populations in the Warrego and Darling Rivers.

### **WaterNSW**

WaterNSW, who is the bulk water supplier and river operator in New South Wales is currently working on its submission to the regulator in respect of the 2025 rural water pricing determination. To progress this matter, WaterNSW have engaged a not-for-profit group called the newDemocracy Foundation who have advised that they are “taking an innovative, bottom-up approach, focusing on hearing from everyday people and gathering their views on various issues relating to water management.

There was a good article on their approach on the ABC News website last week. To read the article go to <https://www.abc.net.au/news/> and search, bottom up.

newDemocracy is keen to spread the message of its processes that aim to provide an opportunity for those in the community who have a special relationship to water supply and local rivers to meaningfully contribute their views. To this end they have produced a booklet which can be sourced at: <https://www.newdemocracy.com.au/water/> It’s an interesting consultation process that hopefully gives stakeholders, at all levels, the opportunity to contribute and be heard.

**Quote of the week: “If people want to travel outside the Greater Sydney area, they will be stopped by Police. If they are not stopped by Police, local communities will only encourage that.”** Deputy Police Commissioner Gary Warboys talking about the need for compliance by Sydneysiders with the Public Health Orders.

### **Recommendation**

**That the information in the General Manager’s Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 26 July 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	June 2020	June 2021
Loans	574	579
New Members	3	18

Other statistical information:

	June 2020		June 2021
Internet/Word Processing	24	Internet/Word Processing	42
Wireless Tickets		Wireless Tickets	26
Number of Visitors	135	Number of Visitors	826
Scans	8	Scans	55
Information Requests	30	Information Requests	62
Technical Assistance	9	Technical Assistance/Printing	187
Faxes		Faxes/Laminating	4

Staff have been very busy this month with tourists. Library staff have helped many people to apply for and print border passes.

This month in the library we promoted our audio resources with Audiobook Appreciation Month.





Cataloguing new books has continued this month. Lots of new titles have been made available to our customers.





This month in the library we have started a fun program to promote our books, where customers look for hidden gems throughout the library. A range of books have gems on them, and are scattered around the library.



**Recommendation**

**That the information in the Library Manager’s Report as presented to Council on Monday, 26 July 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:** 1. June Statistics 2021  

**Background**

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

**Current Situation****Highlights for June****Back O' Bourke Information and Exhibition Centre**

Visitor numbers for June were 2366 compared to 2564 in May.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Jan</b>		448	560	325	326	302	348	386	782	1109	816
<b>Feb</b>		157	397	271	373	391	220	282	1043	386	648
<b>Mar</b>	810	570	1500	1051	1342	1612	1245	1274	1021	412	1210
<b>April</b>	2507	2144	3103	3146	3849	3118	3114	4024	3166	0	2387
<b>May</b>	2656	2891	3758	3988	4602	4073	3983	4770	3693	0	2564
<b>June</b>	2952	3216	4492	4275	5437	5199	4754	5634	4490	993	2366
<b>July</b>	4362	4643	5173	6241	6002	5941	5982	7614	6834	2570	
<b>Aug</b>	4187	4162	4410	4793	5078	4951	5051	5548	4052	1898	
<b>Sept</b>	4295	5074	4275	4764	4489	4532	4246	4676	3601	3325	
<b>Oct</b>	2674	3067	2383	2486	2370	2475	2463	3574	2222	5246	
<b>Nov</b>	1012	930	789	671	610	1031	876	1014	1220	1989	
<b>Dec</b>	386	347	207	242	272	281	255	630	860	1194	
<b>Total</b>	<b>25841</b>	<b>27649</b>	<b>31047</b>	<b>32253</b>	<b>34750</b>	<b>33906</b>	<b>32537</b>	<b>39426</b>	<b>32984</b>	<b>19122</b>	

- Email enquiries for June were up by 47% on May 2021.
- Turnover at the centre for June 2021 was up 24% on the previous month.
- Incoming calls for June were up by 11% on May 2021
- Website enquiries for June were up by 2% on May 2021.
- Exhibition Centre tickets sold in June were up 7% on May 2021
- Mt Oxley tickets sold for June were up by 31% on May 2021
- Café turnover in June was up 29% compared to May 2021
- Function Centre had 4 bookings for June

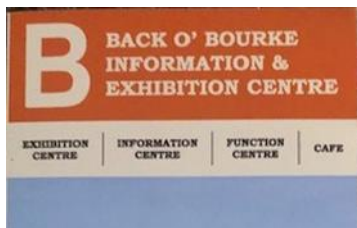


**General Activities**

**New Village Signage** - The first of Bourke’s newly branded signage has been ordered for the surrounding villages of Byrock, Wanaaring, Enngonia, Fords Bridge, Louth, Yantabulla and Barrington.

**Tourism Strategy** - The draft tourism strategy has been prepared and will provide guidance on the future direction of tourism in the Bourke region based around maintaining and growing existing markets, growing visitor yield and increasing the number of visitors to the region.

**Media Promotion**



- Launch of the “Back O Bourke Information & Exhibition Centre brochure.
- Update of Back O Bourke Mt Oxley brochure
- New release “What’s on Bourke” Winter Edition
- Escape Magazine- Bourke was promoted in the article “Six- lesser known road trips to take in NSW”. The article was in a lift-out in the Sunday and Tuesday News Corp papers across Australia.



The CSIRO Radio Telescope at Parkes at twilight with pink-purple sky, with new antenna, Central NSW. Picture: Destination NSW

**Stargazing and Storytelling - Bourke to Parkes**

**Distance: 870kms / 4 days**

Highlights: Parkes, Dubbo, CSIRO Telescope, Lightning Ridge, Siding Spring Observatory

Speaking of night skies, this trail from [Bourke to Parkes](#) picks up where the Kidman Way leaves off and then dials up the interstellar adventure. It's a chance to lose yourself under the canopy of a billion stars each night. More than just a trip for astronomy buffs though, it's one for people who

**Events**

- The Variety Bash has rescheduled their Big Bash from August to November due to the new COVID restrictions. We are assisting organisers to with preparations.

**Coach Bookings & Itineraries**

- For the month of June staff at the centre arranged and hosted 6 Coach Groups to Bourke from Queanbeyan NSW, Springwood QLD x 2, Wangary SA , Numurkah VIC , Pambula NSW. This was a total of 99 passengers, staying over 2 nights.
- Staff continue to receive many enquiries relating to school holidays, accommodation, road conditions, COVID- restrictions and border compliance.

**Jandra Paddle Vessel**

- PV Jandra tickets sold in June are up by 41% on the previous month. The Jandra had two private cruise bookings.

**Café**

- The Café’s popularity with visitors over the last 12 months is evident with sales showing a 29% increase for the month of June alone. The current 5 day operation although successful lends itself to opportunity for 6-7 days in the peak season.

**Bourke Visitor Guide**

- Still sourcing advertisers for advertisements, agreements, proofs and payments. This has involved staff chasing operators. Final proof of brochure to be completed by August.

**Websites**

- Trip Adviser- The Exhibition Centre is currently ranked the number 1 of things to do in Bourke with over 260 reviews



Reviewed by PhilthetravellerXI  
25 Jun 2021

**Wonderful outback experience.**



This centre is a must to visit when you are in Bourke. It is only a short distance on the edge of town and very comprehensively curated the history of Bourke, indeed the outback in general with excellent galleries, audio-visual exhibits, interactive displays, and historic pieces. It extends over a couple of separate buildings and probably takes at least 2-4 hours to do it justice. The admission price is modest and the ticket is valid for 2 days. In retrospect we'd probably split the visit and do half on day 1 and the remainder on the next day as it is so comprehensive and well-done that, like in many museums, one tends to hurry along towards the end as there is so much to see and do. There are very good on-site toilets and a nice café for light refreshments. A large parking area with space for buses and trailers as well as many car sites is right at the entry door.



Reviewed by debbiebowan  
2 Jul 2021

**Don't miss Bourke.**



A very interesting and comprehensive exhibition about Bourke. The animated film at the start of the exhibition was brilliant.



Reviewed by Kerry B  
23 May 2021

**Great Exhibition**



Facilities are great. Very informative and such great displays, staff are very friendly and helpful. Worth a visit



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Reviewed by marshfish  
1 May 2021

A good photo opportunity,



Helpful staff. A good supply of information pamphlets. A good cafe and a wonderful exhibition. A striking building to the north of the highway



Reviewed by Sally P  
3 Jun 2021

All you need to know



This is an excellent exhibition centre and well worth a visit. It gives an insight into life 'out the back of Bourke', people, environment etc. Nice cafe with wifi - so important when travelling , friendly staff.



Reviewed by 722camerond  
8 Apr 2021

Just brilliant



We came to Bourke really just to see this place and we were not let down! So well put together. The ticket price was for 2 days entry and you probably could do it if you wanted to read everything.

Having 2 kids (10,12) they got a bit bored so we didn't get to spend a huge amount of time there. But glad we did get what we did



Reviewed by John C  
2 Apr 2021

Top Tourist Stopover.....



The local council is to be congratulated for this top tourist centre, with plenty to see in very comfortable surroundings and very friendly staff who are only too pleased to assist all visitors.

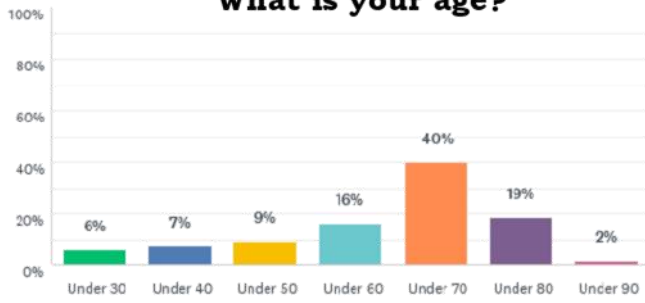
A must stop for any tourist doing the rounds of the Bourke area.

**Recommendation**

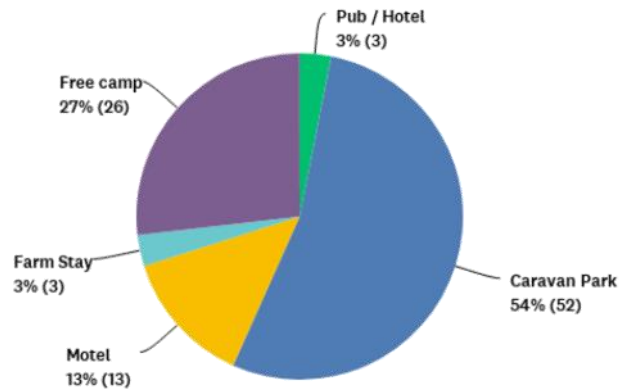
**That the information in the Tourism and Events Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 28 July 2021 be noted.**

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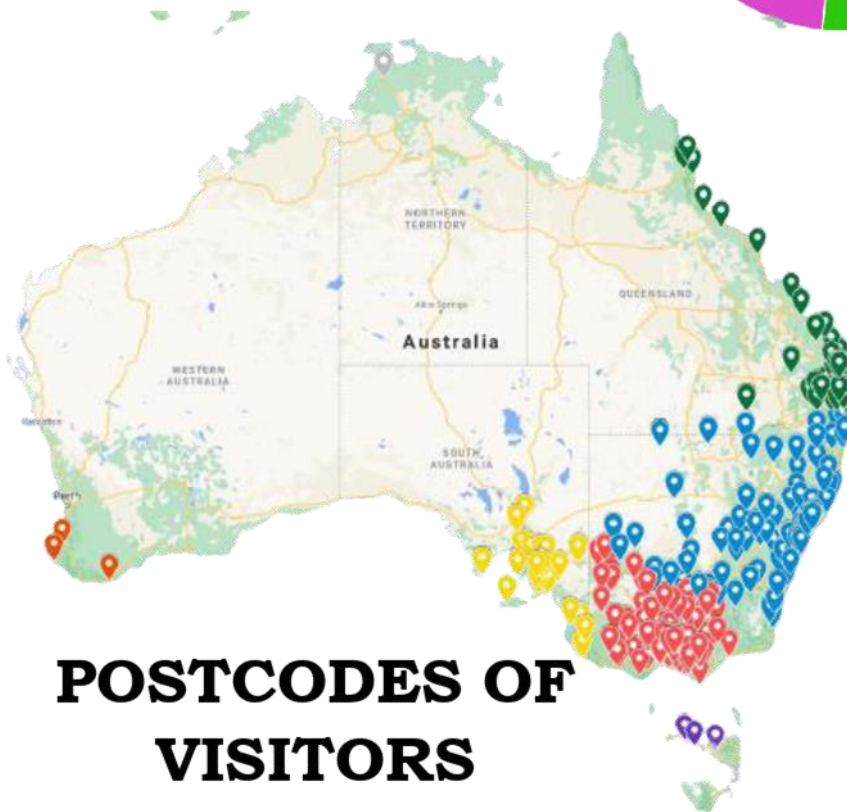
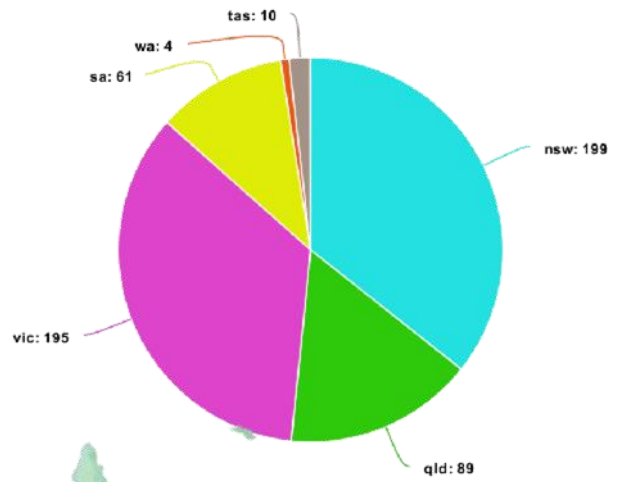
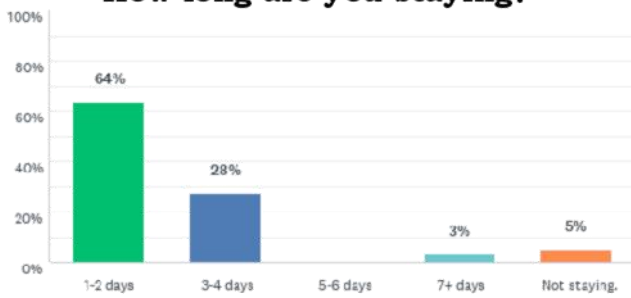
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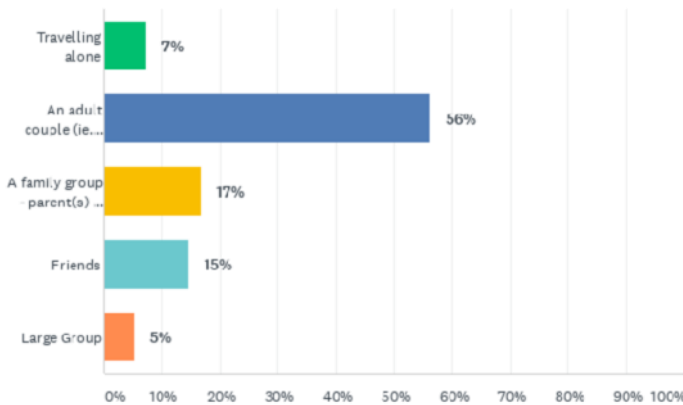


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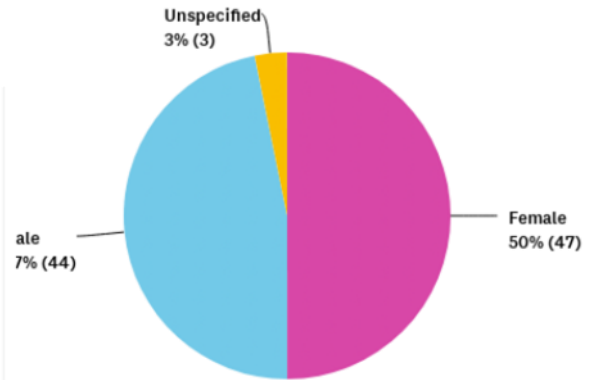


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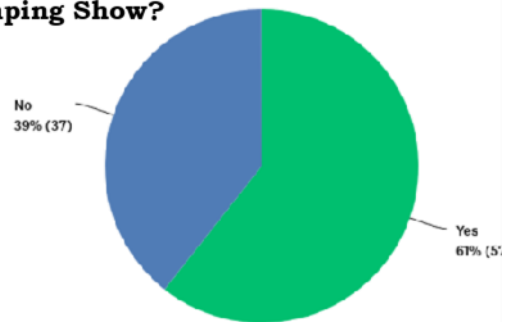
**How would you describe your immediate travel party?**



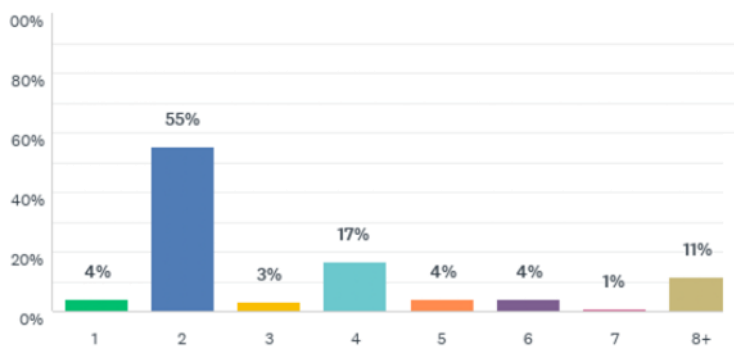
**Are you female or male?**



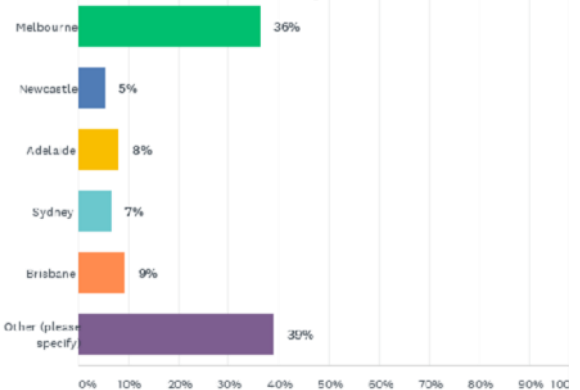
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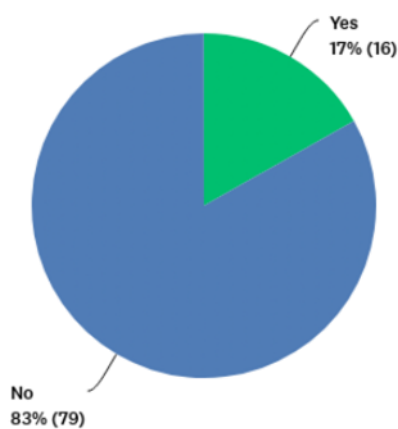
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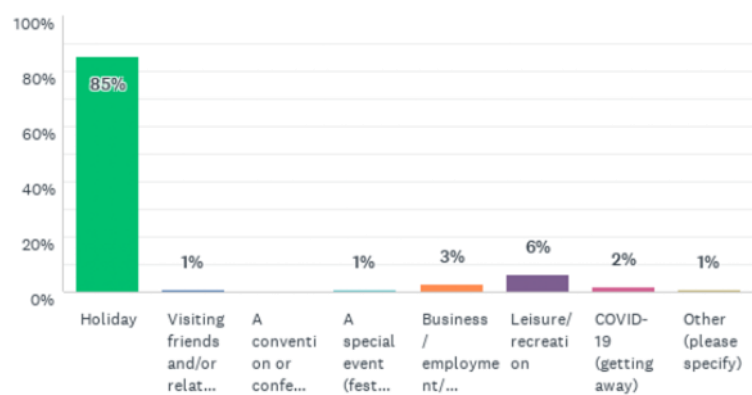
**If yes, which show?**



**Have you been through the Back O' Bourke Centre before?**



**What is the main purpose of your trip?**



## 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 \*\*\* Purchase of One 6x4 Bridge Maintenance Truck and Hiab-Crane 972756-04/02**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d)(i) 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 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

#### **22.2 \*\*\* Purchase of One 4WD Crew Cab Truck 4x4 Bourke 972791-07/21**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d)(i) 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 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

#### **22.3 \*\*\* Tender Bourke 972755-02/22 supply of (1) Side Loading Garbage Compactor with Cab Chassis**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d)(i) 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 commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

#### **22.4 \*\*\* Plant Hire Tender 01/22-2021/2022**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d)(ii) 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 competitor of the council.

#### **22.5 \*\*\* Tender for Supplies of Aggregates and Raw Materials T092122OROC**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - (d)(ii) 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 competitor of the council.

#### **22.6 \*\*\* Becker Street Pump Station**

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