



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

Date: Monday, 25 July 2022
Time: 9.15am
Location: Bourke Shire Council
29 Mitchell Street Bourke NSW

BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Council Meeting

25 July 2022

Leonie Brown
General Manager

Time	Event	Representative	Organisation
9.00am	Community Open Forum for members of the public to address Council		
11.00am	Monthly Update	Inspector Peter Walton	Darling River Local Area Command



DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM COUNCIL OFFICIAL

FOR USE AT COUNCIL AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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

Statement of ethical obligations

In accordance with Councils adopted Code of Meeting Practice (Clause 3.23), Councillors are reminded of their Oath or Affirmation of Office made under section 233A of the Local Government Act and their obligations under the Council's Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

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7 MAYORAL MINUTE

7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - MAYORAL ACTIVITIES

File Number: M2.1
Author: Barry Hollman, Mayor
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

The Activities of the Mayor from 23 June 2022 to 20 July 2022 are as follows:

Date	Meeting	Location
27/06/2022	Bourke Shire Council Meeting	Shire Chambers
30/06/2022	Farewell BBQ Lunch for former General Manager, Mark Riley	Council Court Yard
30/06/2022	Alliance of Western Councils Dinner	Nyngan RSL Club
01/07/2022	Alliance of Western Councils Board Meeting	Nyngan RSL Club
08/07/2022	NAIDOC – Aboriginal Remembrance Ceremony	Bourke Aboriginal Corporation Health Service
14/07/2022	Welcome Baby to Bourke Ceremony and Presentation	Darling Park
18/07/2022	Meeting Dr Clive Cawthorne	Conference Room

Recommendation

That the information in the Mayoral Minute – Mayoral Activities as presented to Council on Monday, 25 July 2022 be noted.

7.2 * MAYORAL MINUTE - ALLIANCE OF WESTERN COUNCILS**

File Number: M2.1, L8.36
Author: Barry Hollman, Mayor
Authoriser: Barry Hollman, Mayor
Attachments: Nil

Background

In 2017, the NSW Parliament passed the *Local Government Amendment (Regional Joint Organisations) Act 2017*, to establish a network of Joint Organisations (JOs). The JOs are local government entities with legal powers to enable councils to work together at a regional level and with state agencies and other organisations to achieve better planning, economic development and service delivery outcomes in regional NSW.

Prior to the creation of JOs, 12 Council’s across the west of NSW were members of the very successful and collaborative Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC). These Councils were Bogan, Bourke, Brewarrina, Cobar, Coonamble, Dubbo, Gilgandra, Mid-Western, Narromine, Warren, Walgett and Warrumbungle Councils.

Significant efforts were made at the time by OROC, and its member Councils, to align any new JO to the footprint of Councils that already existed with the OROC model however, such requests were not acceded to by Government. Ultimately, two (2) Joint Organisations were determined by the Government to cover the west of the state. These JO’s and their composition follows:

Joint Organisation	Membership
Far North West JO	Bourke, Cobar and Walgett Councils. (Brewarrina Council determined not to participate.)
Orana JO	Bogan, Gilgandra, Mid-Western, Narromine, Warren and Warrumbungle Councils. (Dubbo and Coonamble Councils determined not to participate.)

Once the Joint Organisations were created, it was logical at the time in 2017, that the OROC be disbanded. The Far North West Joint Organisation has been a success with substantial project funding having been forthcoming both at its formation and subsequently. The Orana JO however is a different story with the Board of this Organisation on 12 May 2021 confirming that all six member Councils have resigned their membership of the Joint Organisation and the Minister of Local Government has been collectively advised of this decision. This decision was as a result as to concerns relating to the financial sustainability of the Orana JO.

Having regard to this situation, Councils were keen to progress the formation of a western region wide organisation that was not bound by the legislative requirements as in the case of a joint organisation. Accordingly, discussions were commenced amongst former OROC member Councils with a view to forming an alliance essentially based on the former successful OROC footprint. This matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on 24 May 2021 wherein it was resolved:

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

Current Situation

Discussions regarding the formation of an alliance have progressed such that the Alliance of Western Councils is now a reality with a Constitution recently adopted. The Constitution of the Alliance is essentially a reiteration of the Constitution of the former Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC) with the Objectives of the Alliance being:

- (i) A strong voice to advocate to State and Federal Government;
- (ii) Collaboration of Councils working together on common issues;
- (iii) To support each LGA on issues specific to their Council, which may not be issues for the region;
- (iv) Networking together for the benefit of delivering better local Governance and Outcomes for our Communities;
- (v) To resource share where possible.

Membership of the Alliance is the 12 Councils that were in OROC along with Central Darling Council with each Council represented by its Mayor and General Manager. The importance of the Alliance is reflected when it is noted that the Alliance represents some 122,000 people and a land area close to 255,00 km². The population of the Alliance is some 1.50% of the population of NSW over a land area of 31% of the State of NSW.

In addition to quarterly meetings of the Board, the structure of the Alliance is such that the successful General Managers Advisory Committee(GMAC) format has also been re-established. The GMAC provides advice and recommendations to the Board. Councils General Manager, Leonie Brown, and I recently attended the quarterly meeting of the Alliance hosted by Nyngan. The Alliance Board will next meet in Bourke on 14 October 2022.

The formation of the Alliance is an important strategic relationship for Bourke to be party to whilst maintaining its active membership of the Far North West Joint Organisation.

Financial Implications

The annual membership fees for the Alliance have been set at \$5,000 - funding is available in Councils Operational Plan for this membership.

Recommendation

That Council participate in and maintain membership of the Alliance of Western Councils, whilst at the same time maintaining its active membership of the Far North West Joint Organisation.

8 STARRING OF ITEMS

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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, 27 JUNE 2022 AT 9.15AM**

PRESENT: Cr Barry Hollman (Mayor), Cr Victor Bartley, Cr Sarah Barton, Cr Sally Davis, Cr Cec Dorrington, Cr Nathan Ryan, Cr Robert Stutsel

IN ATTENDANCE: Leonie Brown (Acting General Manager), Peter Brown (Manager Works), Melanie Milgate (Economic Development Manager), Alex Saju (Manager Roads Services), Dwayne Willoughby (Manager Environmental Services) via Audio Visual Link.

1 OPENING PRAYER

The Mayor opened the meeting with a prayer.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor then provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

3 REMEMBRANCE

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

Darryl Lee Brookson

Noel Smith

Jake James Wilson

4 APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

Requests for Leave of Absence were received from Councillor Lachlan Ford, Councillor Sam Rice and Councillor Grace Ridge who were absent from the meeting for personal reasons.

Resolution 2022/123

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley

That the apologies received from Cr Lachlan Ford, Cr Sam Rice and Cr Grace Ridge be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Carried

5 ATTENDANCE BY AUDIO VISUAL LINK BY COUNCILLORS

Nil

6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cr Sarah Barton declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 13.1 of the Agenda – Bourke Local Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes. The reason for such interest is that Cr Barton had made a personal request to the Traffic Committee to establish a designated bus stop and signage at Bowden Drive, North Bourke on behalf of residents. In making her declaration Cr Barton advised

that she would leave the Chamber and be out of sight should Council consider this particular matter in the report.

Cr Sarah Barton declared a pecuniary interest in Item 7.2 of the Agenda – Mayoral Minute – Delegation of Authority General Manager, Item 16.5 of the Agenda – General Manager Private Employment and Item 21.4 of the Agenda - General Manager's Activity Reports. The reason for such interest is the relationship Cr Barton has with the incoming General Manager. In making these declarations, Cr Barton advised that she would leave the Chamber and be out of sight during Council's consideration of Items 7.2 and 16.5 of the Agenda and would leave the Chamber and be out of sight should Council separately consider Item 21.4 of the Agenda.

Cr Sarah Barton declared a pecuniary interest in Item 12.1 of the Agenda - Business Arising – 2022/116, Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Events Program. The reason for such interest is that Cr Barton is an employee of the Department of Regional NSW who administers the funding for the Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Events Program. In making her declaration Cr Barton advised that she would leave the Chamber and be out of sight during Council's consideration of the matter.

Cr Victor Bartley declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 20.1 of the Agenda – 'A' Day Bowls Tournament Committee. The reason for such interest is due to Cr Bartley being the Secretary of the 'A' Day Bowls Committee. In making his declaration Cr Bartley advised that he would leave the Chamber and be out of sight during Council's consideration of the matter.

Cr Nathan Ryan declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 22.1 of the Agenda – Closed Session, Plant Hire Tender 2022/2023. The reason for such interest is that Cr Ryan's Father is one of the tender participants. In making his declaration Cr Ryan advised that he would leave the Chamber and be out of sight during Council's consideration of the matter.

7 MAYORAL MINUTE

7.1 MAYORAL MINUTE - MAYORAL ACTIVITIES

File Number: M2.1

The Council had before it the report of the Mayor regarding the Mayoral Minute - Mayoral Activities.

Resolution 2022/124

Moved: Cr Barry Hollman

That the information in the Mayoral Minute – Mayoral Activities as presented to Council on Monday, 27 June 2022 be noted.

Carried

At this juncture, Cr Sarah Barton left the meeting, the time being 9:28am.

7.2 * MAYORAL MINUTE - DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY: GENERAL MANAGER**

File Number: A3.8-S6.30

The Council had before it the report of the Mayor regarding the Mayoral Minute - Delegations of Authority: General Manager.

Resolution 2022/125

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Sally Davis

That the Instrument of Delegation as attached to the Mayoral Minute herewith be provided to Leonie Catherine Brown effective 4 July 2022.

Carried

At this juncture, Cr Sarah Barton returned to the meeting, the time being 9:29 am.

8 STARRING OF ITEMS

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

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

Resolution 2022/126

Moved: Cr Victor Bartley

Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington

That the the recommendations as detailed in the un-starred items as contained in the agenda for the Ordinary Meeting of Council, held on Monday, 27 June 2022 be adopted.

Carried

9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution 2022/127

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 May 2022 taken as read, confirmed as correct minutes and signed by the Mayor and the General Manger.

Carried

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - NO CAMPING AND NO CARAVANS SIGNS BE REMOVED

File Number: T4.1, P1.10, R7.5.5

The Council had before it a Notice of Motion from Councillor Robert Stutsel regarding the proposed removal of No Camping and No Caravans signs at North Bourke.

Motion

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley

That the No Camping and No Caravans signs be removed from the area between the Mitchell Highway and the Bourke Boat Ramp and that if considered necessary a report be tables at the next meeting of Council.

Amendment

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton

That a report detailing Council's obligations in respect of camping and caravan usage on the area between the Mitchell Highway and the Bourke Boat Ramp be prepared and provided to Council at its July 2022 meeting for further consideration.

The amendment was put to the meeting and was carried.

The Amendment became the Motion and was put to the meeting.

Resolution 2022/128

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton

That a report detailing Council's obligations in respect of camping and caravan usage on the area between the Mitchell Highway and the Bourke Boat Ramp be prepared and provided to Council at its July 2022 meeting for further consideration.

Carried

11 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 BUSINESS ARISING

12.1 * BUSINESS ARISING**

File Number: C12.1

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Business Arising.

Resolution 2022/129

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley

That the information of the Business Arising Report as presented to Council on Monday, 27 June 2022 be noted.

Carried

12.2 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

File Number: C12.6

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

Resolution 2022/130

Moved: Cr Victor Bartley

Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington

That the information in the Calendar of Events Report as presented to Council on Monday, 27 June 2022 be noted.

Carried

12.3 INFORMATION TO COUNCILLORS

File Number: C12.1

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the Information to Councillors.

Resolution 2022/131

Moved: Cr Victor Bartley

Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington

That the contents of the Information to Councillors Report as presented to Council on Monday, 27 June 2022 be noted.

Carried

13 ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

13.1 * BOURKE LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

File Number: C6.6

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Roads regarding the Bourke Local Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes.

Resolution 2022/132

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Sally Davis

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Bourke Shire Council Traffic Committee held on Tuesday, 17 May 2022 be adopted.

Carried

14 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Nil

15 GENERAL MANAGER

Nil

16 CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

16.1 * BANK RECONCILIATION & STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES**

File Number: F1.1

The Council had before it the report of the Manager of Corporate Services regarding the Bank Reconciliation & Statement of Bank Balances.

Resolution 2022/133

Moved: Cr Sally Davis

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 2022 be noted.

Carried

16.2 * INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 MAY 2022**

File Number: F1.1

The Council had before it the report of the Manager of Corporate Services regarding the Investment Report as at 31 May 2022.

Resolution 2022/134

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Robert Stutsel

- 1. That the report regarding Council's Investment Portfolio 31 May 2022 be received and noted.**
- 2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted, and the report adopted.**

Carried

16.3 ANNUAL RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND INSURANCE MATTERS FOR 2022/2023

File Number: 12.1

The Council had before it the report of the Manager of Corporate Services regarding the Annual Risk Management Program and Insurance Matters for 2022/2023.

Resolution 2022/135

Moved: Cr Victor Bartley

Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington

That Council notes the Risk Management Program review and the classes of insurance acquired for 2022/2023.

Carried

16.4 * COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION**

File Number: 12.1

The Council had before it the report of the Manager of Corporate Services regarding the Councillor Remuneration.

Resolution 2022/136

Moved: Cr Sarah Barton

Seconded: Cr Sally Davis

That Council pay the maximum fee prescribed for a Rural Councillor and the maximum fee applicable to the Mayor, within the Rural Group as applicable to Bourke Shire, with those fees being \$12,650 and \$27,600 respectively to the Councillors and Mayor.

Carried

At this juncture, Cr Sarah Barton left the meeting, the time being 10:02am.

16.5 * GENERAL MANAGER - PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT**

File Number: S6.41

The Council had before it the report of the Manager of Corporate Services regarding the General Manager - Private Employment.

Resolution 2022/137

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Sally Davis

That as per Section 353 of the Local Government Act, Council approve the request of its incoming General Manager, Mrs Leonie Brown, to undertake private employment in respect of the operation of Browns Apartments, Darling St, Bourke.

Carried

At this juncture, Cr Sarah Barton returned to the meeting, the time being 10:03 am.

16.6 * PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS**

File Number: S6.29-LD-S3.8.31

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

Resolution 2022/138

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Sally Davis

That Council notes the information received in relation to Pecuniary Interest Returns as presented to Council on Monday, 27 June 2022.

Carried

File Number: A10.1, P4.2.1

The Council had before it the report of the Manager of Corporate Services regarding the 2022/2023 Integrated Planning and Reporting Documents.

Resolution 2022/139

Moved: Cr Cec Dorrington

Seconded: Cr Sally Davis

- 1. That Councils 2022-2032 Community Strategic Plan (Appendix A) be adopted by Council for implementation commencing 1 July 2022.**
- 2. That Councils 2022-2026 Delivery Program (Appendix B) be adopted by Council for implementation commencing 1 July 2022.**
- 3. That Councils 2022/2023 Operational Plan, inclusive of Councils 2022/2023 Budget and 2022/2023 Statement of Revenue Policy, (Appendix C) be adopted by Council for implementation commencing 1 July 2022.**
- 4. That Council's 2022/2023 Fees and Charges (Appendix D) be adopted by Council for implementation commencing 1 July 2022.**
- 5. That Council's 2022/2023 Plant Replacement Schedule, 2022/2023 Sale of Plant Schedule and Councils 2022/2023 Loan Borrowing Schedule to borrow up to \$1.240m, all as included in Councils 2022/2023 Operational Plan, also be adopted.**
- 6. That the Resourcing Strategy comprising the Long-Term Financial Plan (Appendix E), Workforce Management Plan (Appendix F), Asset Management Strategy (Appendix G), Asset Management Plans (Appendix H), Asset Management Policy (Appendix I) and Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan (Appendix J) be adopted by Council.**
- 7. That Authority be given to affix the Common Seal of Council to all relevant documents in relation to the 2022/2023 Loan Schedule.**

Carried

At this juncture, the General Manager, Mark Riley, joined the meeting, the time being 10.05am.

16.8 * DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN (DIAP)**

File Number: P4.2.1

The Council had before it the report of the Manager of Corporate Services regarding the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP).

Resolution 2022/140

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Sally Davis

That the revised Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2022-2026 be adopted.

Carried

16.9 * THE MAKING OF RATES AND CHARGES**

File Number: F1.2-P4.2

The Council had before it the report of the Manager of Corporate Services regarding the Making of Rates and Charges.

Resolution 2022/141

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Sally Davis

(a) Ordinary Rates 2022/2023

That WHEREAS Councils draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 01/07/2022 to 30/06/2023 were prepared by Council in accordance with *Local Government Act 1993*, S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was placed, in which consideration has been given to any submissions received, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that in accordance with, and pursuant to, S492, S493, S494 and S529 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, that Council make the following Ordinary rates to be levied on all rateable land within the Shire, for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023:

Type of Rate	Cents in \$ Ad Valorem	\$ Base Amount	% Base Amt Payable – 2022/2023
Ordinary Rates – Bourke – Residential	1.7346	\$139.00	30.37%
Ordinary Rates – North Bourke & High Street – Residential	1.366	\$113.00	13.18%
Ordinary Rates – Village – Residential	3.3062	\$40.00	34.79%
Ordinary Rates – Business	1.7074	\$192.00	25.34%
Ordinary Rates -Farmland	0.4187	\$560.00	17.41%
Ordinary Rates – Mining	1.7058	\$557.00	

(b) User Charges /Annual Charges – Water, Sewerage and Urban Drainage 2022/2023

That WHEREAS Councils draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 1/7/2022 to 30/6/2023 were prepared by Council in accordance with *Local Government Act 1993*, S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was placed, in which consideration has been given to any submissions received, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that in accordance with S501, S502 and S551 and S552, of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council make the following User and Annual Charges for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 and levy on such land:-

- for services provided or proposed to be provided; or
- for the availability or access to services; or
- for the actual use of a service.

i) Water Supply Services:

Town/Village	Annual Access Charge \$	Usage Charge (c/kl) (tariff)
User Charge		
Bourke and North Bourke		\$2.31
Water Access Charges		
Filtered Water Access 20mm	\$214.00	
Filtered Water Access 25mm	\$262.00	
Filtered Water Access 32mm	\$537.00	
Filtered Water Access 40mm	\$735.00	
Filtered Water Access 50mm	\$1,008.00	
Filtered Water Access 100mm	\$2,019.00	
Filtered Water Access 150mm	\$3,933.00	
Raw Water Access 20mm	\$538.00	
Raw Water Access 25mm	\$553.00	
Raw Water Access 32mm	\$1,131.00	
Raw Water Access 40mm	\$1,751.00	
Raw Water Access 50mm	\$3,295.00	
Raw Water Access 100mm	\$5,488.00	
Raw Water Access 150mm	\$10,976.00	
Village – Occupied	\$797.00	
Village - Unoccupied	\$92.00	

ii) Sewerage Services:

Sewerage Access Charges	Annual Access Charge \$
Sewerage Access - Single	\$783.00
Sewerage Access - Multi	\$783.00

iii) Drainage Services:

Annual Drainage Service Charge	Annual Charge \$
Drainage Charge Levy	\$178.00

(c) Domestic Waste Management Service and Trade Waste (Garbage) Charges 2022/2023

That WHEREAS Councils draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 01/07/2022 to 30/06/2023 were prepared by Council in accordance with Local Government Act, 1993, S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was placed, in which consideration has been given to any submissions received, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Council make the following Domestic Waste Management Service Charge and the Trade Waste (Garbage) Charge and that in accordance with

S496 and S501 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council levy such charges for the year 1/07/2023 to 30/06/2023:

Waste Management and Trade Waste (Garbage) Services:

Annual Waste / Garbage Charges	Annual Charge \$
Domestic Waste Charge	\$288.00
Trade Waste (Garbage) Charge	\$288.00
Village Tip Maintenance	\$99.00

(d) Fees and Charges 2022/2023

That WHEREAS Councils draft Operational Plan and Revenue Policy for the year 01/07/2022 to 30/06/2023 were prepared by Council in accordance with Local Government Act 1993, S402, S403, S404 and S405 and advertised in the Western Herald AND WHEREAS a period of 28 days since the publication of that notice was placed, which consideration has been given to any submissions received, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Council make the Fees and Charges as contained in Councils 2022/2023 Fees and Charges Document and in accordance with S501 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Carried

17 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Nil

18 DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Nil

19 POLICIES

Nil

20 PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

At this juncture, Cr Victor Bartley left the meeting, the time being 10:11am.

20.1 *** 'A' DAY BOWLS TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

File Number: C12.5-D5.2

The Council had before it the report of the General Manager regarding the 'A' Day Bowls Tournament Committee.

Resolution 2022/142

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Sally Davis

That Council accede to the request of the 'A' Day Bowls Tournament Committee, in the amount of \$400.

Carried

At this juncture, Cr Victor Bartley returned to the meeting, the time being 10:12am.

21 ACTIVITY REPORTS

21.1 ACTIVITY REPORT - ENGINEERING SERVICES ROAD WORKS & WORKSHOP - WORKS COMPLETED

File Number: E7.1

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

Resolution 2022/143

Moved: Cr Victor Bartley

Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington

That Council note the information in the Engineering Services Department Road Works and Workshop Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 27 June 2022.

Carried

21.2 ACTIVITY REPORT - 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 Activity Report - Parks & Gardens / Town Services / Water & Wastewater Engineering Services Activity Report.

Resolution 2022/144

Moved: Cr Victor Bartley

Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington

That Council note that information in the Parks and Gardens, Town Services and Water and Waste Water Engineering Services Department Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 27 June 2022.

Carried

21.3 ACTIVITY REPORT - PLANNING, REGULATORY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Environmental Services regarding the Activity Report - Planning, Regulatory and Environmental Services.

Resolution 2022/145

Moved: Cr Victor Bartley

Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington

That the information in the Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 27th June 2022 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 2022/146

Moved: Cr Victor Bartley

Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington

That the information in the General Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 27 June 2022 be noted.

Carried

21.5 LIBRARY MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MAY 2022

File Number: L4.1

The Council had before it the report of the Library Manager regarding the Library Manager's Activity Report for May 2022.

Resolution 2022/147

Moved: Cr Victor Bartley

Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington

That the information in the Library Manager's Report for May 2022 as presented to Council on Monday, 27 June 2022 be noted.

Carried

21.6 TOURISM & EVENTS MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File Number: T4.3

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

Resolution 2022/148

Moved: Cr Victor Bartley

Seconded: Cr Cec Dorrington

That the information in the Tourism and Events Manager's Activity Report for May 2022 as presented to Council on Monday, 20 June 2022 be noted.

Carried

22 CLOSED SESSION

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

Resolution 2022/149

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley

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

22.1 * Plant Hire Tender 2022/2023**

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.

Carried

Council proceeded into closed session with the livestreaming of the meeting being paused at 10:14am.

At this juncture, Cr Nathan Ryan left the meeting, the time being 10:14am.

22.1 * PLANT HIRE TENDER 2022/2023**

File Number: T3.1, T3.2

The Council had before it the report of the Manager Roads regarding the Plant Hire Tender 2022/2023.

Resolution 2022/150

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley

- 1. That the tenders received for the Supply of Plant and Equipment Hire to Council for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, as below, be accepted for the purpose of the engagement of contractors to supplement the plant and equipment requirements of Council when, and if, required:**

- 1 TMH Hire – “Rivergum Farm”, Bourke, NSW.**
- 2 Rollers Australia – Hume St, Tamworth, NSW.**
- 3 Bourke Waste Management – Darling St, North Bourke, NSW.**
- 4 NAK Grader Hire – Anson St, Bourke, NSW.**
- 5 Darnel Pastoral Company – Narromine.**
- 6 J & B Consolidated PTY LTD – Irwin St, Cobar, NSW.**
- 7 RM & CA Sandford & PJ Duncan – Becker St, Louth, NSW.**
- 8 Andrew Lewis – Richard St, Bourke, NSW.**
- 9 Coates Operations PTY LTD – Greenhill Avenue, Moorebank, NSW.**
- 10 Conplant PTY LTD – Purvis Lane, Dubbo, NSW.**
- 11 Stabilised Pavements of Australia – Wisemans Ferry Road, Somersby, NSW.**
- 12 Michael Hughes Transport – Warrang St, Walgett, NSW.**
- 13 Hill Earthmoving & Bulk Haulage – George St, Mungindi, NSW.**
- 14 JR Richards & Sons – Bradmill Avenue, Rutherford, NSW.**
- 15 Chris Redmond Transport – Culgoa St, Brewarrina, NSW.**
- 16 JA Cronin KSE Farming-Nellyvale, Lot 790/1 Nellyvale Road, Bourke, NSW.**
- 17 Allan Ryan Mechanics-Darling St, Bourke, NSW.**
- 18 The Mining Pty Ltd, Keith Lane, Fannie Bay, NT.**
- 19 Newpave Asphalt-Burleigh St, Toronto, NSW.**

- 2. That the various tenderers be advised of Councils resolution and confirm that:**
 - as per the tender documentation, the Form of Agreement contained therein is that of a ‘Standing Offer’ and does not place any contractual obligation on the Council to hire or engage any contractors;**
 - tenders submitted were merely statements by a prospective contractor that they are willing to supply specified plant and equipment in accordance with the terms and conditions contained within Councils Tender Documentation; and,**
 - Council will be in further contact should it wish to source plant and equipment hire from a respective firm.**

3. That the document and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council.

Carried

At this juncture, Cr Nathan Ryan returned to the meeting, the time being 10:21am.

Resolution 2022/151

Moved: Cr Robert Stutsel

Seconded: Cr Victor Bartley

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

Carried

Open council resumed at 10.23am.

RESOLUTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

At the request of the Mayor, the General Manager read to the meeting the Councils resolutions as determined in the Closed Session of Council.

The Mayor also noted that today's meeting was the last meeting for Council's General Manger, Mark Riley, before his retirement.

Resolution 2022/152

Moved: Cr Barry Hollman

Seconded: Cr Sarah Barton

- 1. That Mr Mark Riley be thanked for his outstanding contribution to Bourke Shire Council during his term as General Manager.**
- 2. That the best wishes of Council be extended to Mark for a long and happy retirement.**

Carried

The Meeting closed at 10.27am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 July 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11 RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

12 BUSINESS ARISING

12.1 * BUSINESS ARISING**

File Number: C12.1
Author: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, 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	EDM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

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	LEONIE BROWN - 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 regard to their

	<p>contact with PCYC with correspondence sent to PCYC as a follow up to discussions.</p> <p>6. PCYC have advised that as a result of internal management changes they wish to defer discussions on land management till mid-2022.</p>
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156/2019	CONFIDENTIAL – CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT FACILITIES
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PETER BROWN - MANAGER OF WORKS
FILE NO	S3.2.3
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That Council continue with its representations to obtain funding for the additional costs anticipated to be incurred in the construction of the new Additional Sewage Treatment Facilities in Bourke	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ongoing. 2. Water use study near completion. Will then make application for additional funding.

274/2019	DROUGHT – WATER UPDATE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	W2.2.9 – W2.2.9.1
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That the General Manager write to the State Government seeking their urgent consideration of the construction of a regulator or additional weir including a fish ladder upstream of Bourke at a location identified as BU8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter sent & meeting held. 2. State Government commits to preparation of Western Weirs Strategy. 3. Teleconference involving staff and Councillors held with State Water on 22/9/2020 re Strategy. 4. Meeting held with DPIE representatives on 10/11/2020 & 11/11/2020. 5. Further briefings on Strategy held 10/02/2021 and 24/05/2021. 6. Discussions held by GM with Jim Betts in July 2021 Secretary, DPIE, in regard to the Weir Strategy Project and its prolonged timeframes. 7. NSW Govt. in Oct 2021 announced the Better Baaka Program which includes Weir renewals on the Darling and specifically upgrading of the Bourke Weir. Meeting with DPIE to be held in Bourke on 23 November 2021. 8. Meeting held DPIE 23/11/2021 with Jim Bently and his team via Video

	<p>conference regarding Better Baaka Better Bidgee project.</p> <p>9. Meeting held in December 2021 with Andrew Lavelle regarding the Weir upgrade at Bourke and connectivity strategy.</p> <p>10. Contact made with Minister Pavey’s Office re concerns regarding potential removal of downstream weirs.</p> <p>11. GM and MCS met with DPIE officers undertaking Western Regional Water Strategy consultation in Bourke on 8 March 2022 raising concern at the potential loss of downstream weirs.</p> <p>12. Contact made in March 2022 with Andrew Lavelle of DPIE re weir progress. Advised that Western Weirs project is progressing following completion of Strategic Business Case. Advised that he will be seeking to have further conversations re weirs downstream.</p> <p>13. Meeting held with Graham Attenborough and Jason Gordon of DPIE on 15 March 2022 re all things water including weir.</p> <p>14. Mayor, Mark Riley and Leonie Brown attended the DPIE Forum at Bourke Bowling Club on 30 June 2022 re Western Region Water Strategy and Barwon-Darling Water Sharing Plan and Floodplain Harvesting licencing.</p> <p>15. Submissions subsequently made re increasing Bourke Weir height and retention of downstream weirs.</p>
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2020/111	DUAL NAMING OF THE DARLING RIVER – DARLING RIVER BAAKA
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	R6.5
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
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.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ongoing. Geographical Names Board GNB contacted. 2. Investigations are continuing by GNB. 3. GNB advised in July 2021 that it would be undertaking consultation in August 2021 in regard to dual name proposal.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. GNB subsequently advised in August that due to COVID the consultations will now be undertaken in 2022. 5. Meeting was to be held with GNB on 22 June 2022 however was postponed by GNB till “next month” with a date yet to be suggested. 6. Meeting scheduled for 19 July 2022 postponed – new date to be confirmed.
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2020/236	14.2 BOURKE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PETER BROWN – MANAGER WORKS
FILE NO	A6.1
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
That Council seeks 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.

2020/325 & 326	REVIEW OF CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2019/2020 AND REALLOCATION OF FUNDS – ITEM 15.5 - MOUNT OXLEY
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	R2.5
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council notes the report on the responsibility and current condition of the access road to the summit of Mount Oxley. 2. That Council notes the status of telecommunication infrastructure located atop Mount Oxley. 3. That following a Title Search discussion 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. 4. That Council investigates 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. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extensive title searches have been completed. 2. Liability issues being pursued by Booth Brown Legal for further report. 3. Meeting held with Mr & Mrs Stalley on 10 December 2020. 4. Risk review undertaken by Council’s insurers on 16/03/21. Awaiting advice to allow instructions to be issued by Booth Brown Legal to prepare licence documentation. 5. Discussions held with NSW Telco Authority re potential for funding to assist with road upgrade. Costs advised. No funding available. 6. Further discussions to be held with owners of Mt Oxley site.

2019/439 & 2021/33	NORTH BOURKE BRIDGE REHABILITATION CONCEPT PLAN
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	B6.1
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council continues to apply for funding to undertake the project 2. Council commits 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"> 1. Ongoing. 2. Letter received from Minister Toole 11/11/2020 advising upcoming funding opportunities for bridge. 3. Funds as resolved reserved in Councils accounts. 4. Application under Building Better Regions Fund lodged 11/02/2021. Application unsuccessful. 5. Strategy prepared for investigation, assessment and restoration of bridge for input into Tourism Grant Application. 6. Application lodged in August 2021. No response to date. 7. Representations made to Member for Barwon, Roy Butler MP regarding funding for Bridge. 8. Further application under Building Better Regions Fund lodged February 2022. 9. Council resolved 25 February 2022 to allocate funding of \$200,000 to engage a structural engineer to prepare documentation to allow Council to invite tenders for restoration of the bridge. 10. Draft brief prepared and with Public Works Advisory (PWA) for review. 11. Quote obtained from PWA with further discussions to be held. 12. Further Grant funding application for design funding to be lodged with NSW Government in July 2022.

2021/302	WESTERN GOLF CHALLENGE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	MEL MILGATE – MANAGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FILE NO	D5.1, S4.1 and S5.1
DECISION	
That Council accede to the request from Gary Begg – Regional Manager Golf NSW requesting financial support in the amount of \$2,000 to assist with the grant application for the proposed Western Golf Challenge 2022.	
ACTION TAKEN	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EDM spoken with Gary Begg to confirm support. 2. Western Golf Challenge Grant Application to be completed start of 2022. 3. Letter of support from Bourke Shire Council drafted and pending advice from Mr Begg of other towns support as to the challenge proceeding before sending. 	

2021/355	ROAD CLASSIFICATION REVIEW
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	ALEX SAJU - MANAGER ROADS
FILE NO	R7.1, R7.4.3
DECISION	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council provide a submission to the Independent Panel on Road Classification Review and Regional Road Transfer proposing that ownership of the Bourke – Milparinka Rd (Wanaaring Rd) be transferred to the NSW Government, as a minimum. 2. That the transfer of any Regional Roads to Government in the Bourke Shire being on the basis of Council entering into a contract with Government which would see Council continuing to undertake both improvement works, and the necessary programmed and emergency maintenance works on the transferred roadway(s). 3. That Council also provides a submission to the Independent Panel on Road Classification Review and Regional Road Transfer proposing the reclassification from local road to regional road status of the following roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RLR 5 – Caronga Peak to Wilga Downs (23km / no bridge); • RLR50 - Moleyarrah Road – Wanaaring to Hungerford (86.82km / no bridge); • RLR44 – Janina Road – Louth to Wanaaring (85.7km / no bridge); • RLR49 – West Culgoa Road – Bourke to Weilmoringle (82.82km / single lane bridge). 	
ACTION TAKEN	
Submission to Review Panel prepared and submitted.	

2021/368	INTEGRATED WATER CYCLE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY	
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	PETER BROWN - MANAGER WORKS	
FILE NO	W2.3	
DECISION		ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council accept funding in the amount of \$357,857 (Ex GST) under the Local Water Utility Infrastructure Programs Funding Scheme for town and village water supplies. 2. That Council accept the offer from Public Works Advisory for the preparation of a new Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy for the Bourke township and Villages at a cost of \$477,143 (Ex GST). 3. That funding of \$119,286 (Ex GST) be sourced from Councils Water Fund Restricted Asset as Councils 25% contribution to the project. 4. That any necessary documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council. 5. That the documents and considerations remain confidential to the Council. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding Deed executed by Council. 2. Work progressing.

2022/6	NOTICE OF MOTION - VILLAGE TOURS	
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN - GENERAL MANAGER	
FILE NO	C8.1, C11.1, P4.1	
DECISION		ACTION TAKEN
All councillors be invited to attend any future Council Village Tours and community meetings.		Noted.

2022/11	EMPLOYMENT ZONE REFORM	
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY - MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	
FILE NO	T5.1	
DECISION		ACTION TAKEN
That the proposal to permit business premises, with consent, in the R1 General Residential Zone of the Bourke Local Environmental Plan be endorsed for the purposes of preparing a Planning Proposal for further consideration by Council in due course.		Matter proceeding.

2022/48	REMOVAL OF TREES FROM MEMORIAL OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY - MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
FILE NO	S10.2

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That Council proceed to remove the two (2) Gum trees from within the Bourke Memorial Swimming Pool Complex, to allow for development and upgrade works of the learn to swim pool, noting that such trees are outside the definition of a street tree as per Council’s Street Tree policy. That Council staff replace the (2) Gum trees with suitable trees at other strategic locations within the pool complex. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gum trees removed. Replacement trees to be planted in autumn. Weather remains too cold for planting, will progress when frosts not an issue.

2022/63	CONTRACT MANAGEMENT OF THE BOURKE WAR MEMORIAL OLYMPIC SWIMMING POOL
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY - MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
FILE NO	S10.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> That as per the existing Management Contract between Council and Mr Mark Hollman in respect of the Management of the Bourke War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool Complex (BWMOSP), Council and Mr Hollman proceed to exercise the available 12-month option period ending 30 June 2023 at the agreed contract fee for the season as detailed in the report herewith. That it be noted that as per the existing contract in respect of the management of the BWMOSP, it will be necessary for Council to invite tenders for the management Contract post the period ending 30 June 2023. That entry fees at the Bourke War Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool Complex for the 2022/2023 period be included and exhibited as part of Councils 2022/2023 draft Operational Plan 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor formally advised of Council’s decision. Contract Management Tenders to be invited in due course. Entry fees included in 2022/23 draft Operational Plan.

2022/ 96	NORTH BOURKE STORMWATER DRAINAGE
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN - GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	D6.1, D6.2, V 1.6
DECISION	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the information in the report of the General Manager from March 2022 be noted. 2. That the Mayor and General Manager be requested to take the necessary action in pursuit of potentially acquiring land in respect of this drainage matter, for a further report to Council. 3. That the Mayor and General Manager be requested to brief Mr G Seiler on the progress of this matter. 4. That the documents and considerations in respect of this matter remain confidential to Council. 	ACTION TAKEN
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigations into land proceeding. 2. Mayor and GM have briefed Mr Seiler. 3. Land to west of subject site reviewed by environmental consultant and is considered to be an undesirable location for the construction of stormwater retention infrastructure due to the multitude of environmental, practical and physical constraints. 4. Further update meeting held in June 2022 with Mr Seiler involving Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Messrs Riley and Brown.

2022/ 113	LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW (LGNSW) ANNUAL CONFERENCE 23 TO 25 OCTOBER 2022
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN - GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	L8.3, G2.3, M2.2
DECISION	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Mayor and General Manager attend the LGNSW Annual Conference to be held 23 to 25 October 2022. 2. That Councillors who wish to attend the LGNSW Annual Conference to be held 23 to 25 October 2022 nominate prior to August 2022. 	ACTION TAKEN
	Executive Assistant take the necessary action to implement Councils resolution noting that Cr Victor Bartley expressed an interest in attending.

2022/ 115	RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL AUDIT FRAMEWORK FOR COUNCILS
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	R5.1

DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Council join with the Far North West Joint Organisation and its member Councils in establishing a Shared Audit Risk and Improvement Committee in accordance with section 428B of the Local Government Act 1993. 2. That Council delegate authority to the Far North West Joint Organisation to appoint the chair and two (2) independent members to form the shared Audit Risk And Improvement Committee to serve the Far North West Joint Organisation and all three member Councils. 3. That Council appoint a Councillor to serve as the non-voting board member on the ARIC for this Council only. 4. That Council adopt the Draft Terms of Reference developed for the operation of the Audit Risk and Improvement noting the initial revised term to cater for the shorter period to be served by the current Council and the fact that there is no current need for the Chair to be pre-qualified at this stage. 5. That Council note the Expression of Interest document developed by the Far North West Joint Organisation for distribution to potential applicants for persons to serve as the Chair or one of the two (2) independent Committee Members including the fees payable to the Chair and Committee members. 6. That applications as detailed in the Expression of Interest document be called for by the placement of advertisements in the local papers circulating in each of the towns within the FNWJO area together with the websites of each of the member Councils to provide local residents the opportunity to apply to become a member of the Shared Committee if they are suitably qualified and wish to apply. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General Manager advised FNWJO of Council’s resolution. 2. Manager Corporate Services take the necessary action to implement Council’s resolution. 3. Expression of Interest received from another Council regarding joining the FNWJO. 4. FNWJO meeting 1 August 2022.

2022/ 116	RECONNECTING REGIONAL NSW - COMMUNITY EVENTS PROGRAM
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN – GENERAL MANAGER
FILE NO	G4.1
DECISION	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That application be made to the Community Events Program for \$150,854 for events to be held in Bourke, Byrock, Enngonia, Fords Bridge, Louth and Wanaaring. 2. That the Mayor, and General Manager be authorised to finalise the list of events for submission of the application of \$150,854 for the Community Events Program. 	ACTION TAKEN
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manager Economic Develop take the necessary action to implement Council’s resolution. 2. Applications submitted for Rodeo event in Bourke and various other events at villages in the Shire. 3. Events identified to be funded under the Reconnecting Regional NSW Grant include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Back O’ Bourke Rodeo – 15/10/2022 2. Henry Lawson Centenary Celebrations – 02-04/09/2022 3. Louth Races – 06/08/2022 4. Wanaaring Gymkhana/Bike Day – 24/09/2022 5. Enngonia Races – 17/09/2022 6. Fords Bridge Christmas Tree – December 2022 7. Byrock Christmas Tree – December 2022

2022/128	NO CAMPING AND NO CARAVANS SIGNS BE REMOVED
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DWAYNE WILLOUGHBY - MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
FILE NO	T4.1, P1.10,R7.5.5
DECISION	
That a report detailing Council’s obligations in respect of camping and caravan usage on the area between the Mitchell Highway and the Bourke Boat Ramp be prepared and provided to Council at its July 2022 meeting for further consideration.	ACTION TAKEN
	See Manager Environmental Services report included in Business paper, Report 14.1.

2022/138	PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	LEONIE BROWN - MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES
FILE NO	S6.29-LD-S3.8.31
DECISION	ACTION TAKEN
Councillors and designated persons holding a position on 30 June must complete and lodge a Pecuniary Interest Return by 30 September in that year.	Email sent to remind Councillors and staff who have not completed a Pecuniary Interest Return.

Recommendation

That the information in the Business Arising Report as presented to Council on Monday, 25 July 2022 be noted.

12.2 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

File Number: C12.6
Author: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, 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
2022				
July	25	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
August	22	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
September	26	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
October	24	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
November	28	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
December	19	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
2023				
February	27	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
March	27	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
April	24	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
May	22	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
June	26	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
July	24	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
August	28	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
September	25	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
October	23	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber
November	27	9.15am	Council Meeting	Council Chamber

Recommendation

That the information in the Calendar of Events Report as presented to Council on Monday, 25 July 2022 be noted.

12.3 INFORMATION TO COUNCILLORS

File Number: C12.1
Author: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

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

Current Situation

Date	Information Sent	Author	Email
22/06/2022	GMs Column	Mark Riley	✓
22/06/2022	Resignation of Roads Manager	Mark Riley	✓
23/06/2022	LGAQ: Budget misses key council marks, Councils stand with Ukraine, Yarra municipal monitor to stay and Much More...	Inside Local Government	✓
23/06/2022	Special Budget Edition The Weekly Newsletter, 22 June 2022	Local Government NSW	✓
23/06/2022	Trailblazers, Grants Information Session, Platypus Centre and more!	RDA Orana Weekly Newsletter	✓
23/06/2022	Council seeks lifeline for abandoned retirement village, Onkaparinga turns back on new CEO following Grace Tame comments, DA lodged for Burwood cultural precinct and Much More...	Inside Local Government	✓
23/06/2022	Business Papers for the Ordinary Meeting of Council Monday, 27 June 2022	Margo Anderson	✓
23/06/2022	Pecuniary Interest Information and disclosure form	Margo Anderson	✓
24/06/2022	OLG's fortnightly newsletter - 23 June 2022	Office of Local Government	✓
24/06/2022	ALGA President sleeps out for homelessness fundraiser, Toowoomba fast rail plans pick up pace, Ballarat adopts first asset plan and Much More...	Inside Local Government	✓
24/06/2022	'Murky' appointment to be investigated; Betts is back in Albo government	Government News	✓
28/06/2022	Local governments stand in solidarity with Ukraine WA council appoints new Infrastructure Director Councils focus on infrastructure and disaster recovery in 2022-23 Budgets	Council Magazine	✓



28/06/2022	Get Up, Stand Up and Show Up for First Nations communities	Australian Human Rights Commission	✓
28/06/2022	Councils 'thrown under bus' by building laws; NSW announces pick for new corruption chief	Government News	✓
28/06/2022	Invitation to Attend GM Farewell BBQ	Margo Anderson	✓
29/06/2022	Bourke Community NAIDOC Week Celebrations	Margo Anderson	✓
29/06/2022	Redland Mayor to pay for damage to Council-owned car after drunken crash, Electric super highway leads charge to Rolleston, Mobile boost for Ballarat and Much More...	Inside Local Government	✓
30/06/2022	GMs Column	Mark Riley	✓
01/07/2022	Minutes of the Council Meeting Conducted 27/06/2022	Margo Anderson	✓
07/07/2022	Heart and soul of the nation at risk	NSW Farmers Association	✓
07/07/2022	Basin Bulletin Issue 53	Murray Darling Association	✓
07/07/2022	Prevention better than cure on biosecurity	NSW Farmers Association	✓
07/07/2022	Annual Conference Registration + Motions Now Open	Local Government NSW	✓
11/07/2022	Connections2022 - Invitation to meet with Ms Christine Morgan, National Mental Health Commission on Thursday 14 or Friday 15 July and Community Meeting Invitation and Information	Making Connections	✓
12/07/2022	Mayors issue wakeup call to end Hawkesbury flood 'nightmare', Flood disaster assistance spreads to 23 LGAs, Melbourne project breathes new life into city offices and Much More...	Inside Local Government	✓
12/07/2022	OLG's fortnightly newsletter - 7 July 2022	Office of Local Government	✓
13/07/2022	News from the Barwon Electorate	Roy Butler	✓
13/07/2022	Register now for the Executive Certificate for Elected Members	Local Government NSW	✓
13/07/2022	Wollondilly wades into flood inquiry, Rockdale funding win to kick off sports hub build, Victoria rolls out new regional bus contracts and Much More...	Inside Local Government	✓
13/07/2022	GMs Column	Leonie Brown	✓
13/07/2022	Raising Warragamba Dam no 'silver bullet' says Wollondilly Mayor, Victorian Govt funds living la vida local, Waverley Mayor urges NSW Govt to take the wheel and Much More...	Inside Local Government	✓

14/07/2022	Council Circular 22-19 Consultation on regulatory proposals for a new Public Spaces (Unattended Property) (PSUP) Regulation 2022 and to commence the PSUP Act	Office of Local Government	✓
15/07/2022	Burnside Councillor resigns over Instagram message to teen, Brisbane serves up Olympics venue plan, Masterplan to revitalise Hornsby and Much More...	Inside Local Government	✓
18/07/2022	Reminder - Council Meeting Monday, 25 July 2022	Margo Anderson	✓
18/07/2022	Latest COVID-19 update and supporting COVID safe workplaces	NSW Government	✓

Recommendation

That the contents of the Information to Councillors Report as presented to Council on Monday, 25 July 2022 be noted.

13 ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT**13.1 *** RURAL WATER CONNECTIONS**

File Number: W2.1
Author: Peter Brown, Manager Works
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Attachments: 1. Rural Water Supply Policy 3.7.10  

Background

In May 2022, Council received a works request from the residents of a rural property, located some 8km from the village of Wanaaring. The residents advised Council staff that they currently had no water to the house coming from the town supply, which as previously mentioned, is approximately 8km from the village. Council staff attended to the water issue at the station and rectified the issue in the short term.

Report

As a result of investigations, Council has identified that the subject water line to the rural property is not, amongst other matters, currently rated for either an annual access charge or to the town water supply. Upon inspection and review the following points have also been identified:

- Council has no record of any request for water access to the property on record;
- The residents of the property have lived in the house for some 12 years and the water has apparently been connected since they moved in.
- The owner of the property apparently received permission from Council and understood he was paying Council for a water service to the property with the water having been connected for stock purposes in the drought before 2010.
- Investigations at Wanaaring have revealed that there is also a tee at the bridge at Wanaaring which also supplies another resident a 32mm water line feeding his house which also is not paying an access charge for the water line.
- Council only has a 25ML a year access licence for bore water at Wanaaring
- Any rural water connection to a property outside of the town limit must be confirmed by a resolution of Bourke Shire Council (policy attached).
- Council policy states, that there will be no further connections allowed for rural/agricultural use outside the designated village and town areas of Bourke and North Bourke, Fords Bridge, Louth, Enngonia, Wanaaring and Byrock without a resolution of Council.

The expectation for the provision of water to a rural property outside the village limits, let alone 8 km from the source, is considered unreasonable. In this regard, a map of the proposed village limits for the provision of such raw water for the village of Wanaaring is provided.



It will be proposed that the owners of any such connections outside of the village limits be advised that such connections will be disconnected come 1 January 2023.


Financial Implications

Should Council be of the view that water be supplied external to the village to the property 8 km from town, it will be necessary to replace the current line and undertake headworks at the Wanaaring water reservoir at an estimated cost of \$28,000.

Recommendation

1. That the identified boundaries for the maintenance and supply of water to the Village of Wanaaring, as herewith, be adopted.
2. That Council cease to maintain and supply water to any properties outside of the identified boundaries for the Village of Wanaaring as included herewith.
3. That Council advise any residents on water lines external to the village boundaries that no further upgrade to the water supply line will be completed by Bourke Shire Council and that effective 1 January 2023, the service be disconnected.

SECTION 3 Asset Management
 PART 3.7 Water Services

	POLICY NO:	3.7.10
	POLICY TITLE:	Rural Water Supply
	DATE ADOPTED:	23/11/2015
	RESOLUTION NO:	439/2015
	SUPERCEDES:	
	PROPOSED REVIEW DATE:	23/11/2019

POLICY

Bourke Shire Council treats water to drinking water quality and distributes it to the community via the water reticulation system. In Bourke there are two water reticulation systems, which distribute the filtered treated water for drinking and internal use and raw water for external use for the Bourke community.

PROCEDURES

There will be no further connections allowed for rural/agricultural use outside the designated village and town areas of Bourke and North Bourke, Fords Bridge, Louth, Enngonia, Wanaaring and Byrock without a resolution of Council.

Consideration of any application will be subject to:-

- ❖ The capital works being undertaken at no cost to Council and the total cost of the scheme proposed is prepaid to Council prior to Council carrying out the work.
- ❖ All new owners agreeing to pay Water Headworks contributions to cover augmentation of major capital items such as treatment works, reservoirs, pumps and rising mains relatively remote from the Scheme area
- ❖ The connection shall be for domestic purposes only.
- ❖ That all internal plumbing be carried out by a licensed plumber in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 and that all such works be inspected and tested by officers of Council prior to the covering of the works.

The design and construction of any water main to service properties complying with Council’s current policies.

RELATED POLICIES

Nil

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Policies and Processes of Bourke Shire Council

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VARIATION

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

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

Presented to Manex: 12/11/2015

Policy Adopted by Council: 23/11/2015

14 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**14.1 *** CAMPING & CARAVAN USAGE - MITCHELL HIGHWAY ROAD RESERVE AND NORTH BOURKE BOAT RAMP CROWN RESERVE**

File Number: L1.9
Author: Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

Council at its ordinary meeting of Monday, 27 June 2022 had before it a Notice of Motion from Cr Robert Stutsel and Cr Victor Bartley “that the No Camping and No Caravans signs be removed from the area between the Mitchell Highway and the Bourke Boat Ramp and that if considered necessary a report be tabled at the next meeting of Council. “

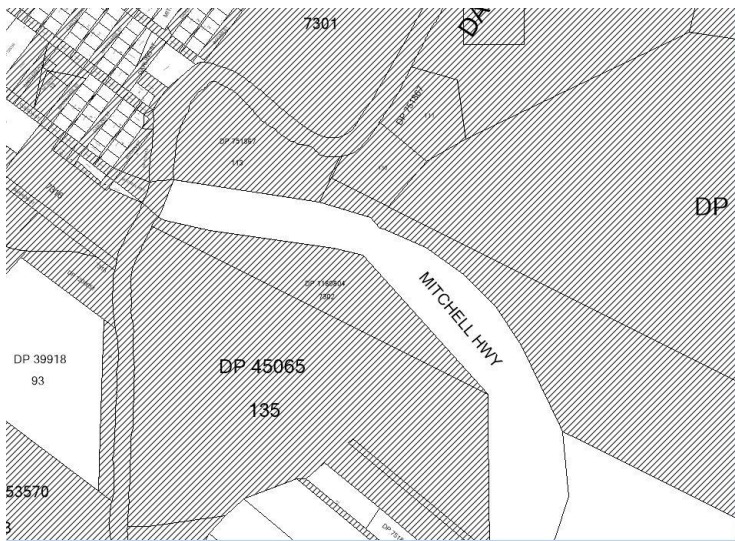
In submitting their Notice of Motion, Councillors Stutsel and Bartley provided the following background on the matter:

- *Tourism is a vital part of the Bourke Shire economy and the additional commercial benefits pass to the whole community in businesses remaining viable and competitive.*
- *Caravaners etc. using the site for “free camping” appear to the local residents to leave the area in a neat and tidy condition.*
- *Caravaners etc. have not caused any problems with any of the residents in the immediate area by way of refuse, noise, traffic movements etc.*
- *Many caravans are now set up for independent “free camping” and the owners budget on “free camping”. To restrict the practice in Bourke will drive tourists and custom elsewhere.*
- *It is common for tourists to budget on “free camping” so that they can afford to shop etc. in Bourke.*
- *Present fuel prices and inflation are deterring caravanning.*
- *If tourists are forced from this area, any problems of littering will be eventually spread over a wider area and more remote, so that any costs to Council will be resultantly higher.*
- *“Free camping” does not appear to have affected patronage at the two Bourke Caravan Parks and you cannot force people to use them.*
- *The fact that people can camp in such a level, reasonably quiet, in relative safety in numbers, bog free, flood free area encourages tourism.*

- Bourke has considered, from time to time, being an RV Friendly town but the signs are definitely telling the World that Bourke is an RV Unfriendly town.

Council ultimately determined that a report detailing Council’s obligations in respect of camping and caravan usage on the area between the Mitchell Highway and the Bourke Boat Ramp be prepared and provided to Council at its July 2022 meeting for further consideration.

The “area between the Mitchell Highway and the Bourke Boat Ramp” as referred to in Councils resolution, comprises two distinct parcels of land. Such land is Lot 113 DP 751867, being the North Bourke Boat Ramp Crown Reserve, whilst the land located adjacent to the southern boundary of Lot 113 is part of the road reserve of the Mitchell Highway, with both lots as shown in the plan below.



The area of land known as the North Bourke Boat Ramp is a Crown Reserve (R7824) that was gazetted on 28 October 1955 for the purposes of public recreation. It is a well utilised public facility with minimal infrastructure, consisting of a boat ramp, BBQ shelter and several picnic seats.

The area is located on flood prone land and is cut off to all users when the Darling River reaches a minor flood level.

A draft Plan of Management, which sits with NSW Crown Lands pending approval, has been prepared for the Reserve as below:

Reserve & Name	Reserve Purpose	Categorisation
Reserve 78045: North Bourke Boat Ramp; Lot 113 DP 751867	Public Recreation	Park



Commentary	Located just north of the Bourke township, this public park provides boat access to the River as well as a number of picnic seating areas and BBQ shelters. The boat ramp was reconstructed in 2018 with funding from Road and Maritime Services.
Size	12.23ha
Current applicable plans	None at present
Leases/licences	None at present. Express authorisation for licences over this reserve for regular users such as a ski club or the like to utilise the boat ramp reserve.
Threatened Species/Aboriginal/European Heritage	No significant Plant Community Types on site to indicate habitat of threatened/endangered species. A check of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) has not revealed any items of significance on this allotment.
Management for this Site	Council to seek further funding and work with user groups and the community to determine site priorities including bank stabilisation works, primitive camping ground regulation requirements and access. Additional scope for this Reserve to be master planned with additional facilities/plantings of endemic species to complement existing and identified needs. As for the Reserve, riverbank stabilisation measures to follow advice from Water NSW where vegetation species will survive.

Camping Grounds in NSW are approved and governed by the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulations 2021*.

Current Situation

The North Bourke Boat Ramp Crown Reserve is classified as Community Land under the Local Government Act. Community Land is required to be used and managed in accordance with the Plan of Management that applies to the land and in accordance with any law permitting the use of the land for a specified purpose or otherwise regulating the use of the land.

As per the draft Plan of Management for the North Bourke Boat Ramp Crown Reserve the categorisation of the site is that of a park. It would be not unreasonable, given the sites natural area and location for the reserve to be also classified as watercourse, bushland, and general community use. The NSW Local Government Act provides core objectives for these various types of land usage as follows:

36G Core objectives for management of community land categorised as a park

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a park are—

- (a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities, and*
- (b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and*
- (c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.*

36M Core objectives for management of community land categorised as a watercourse

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as a watercourse are—

- (a) to manage watercourses so as to protect the biodiversity and ecological values of the instream environment, particularly in relation to water quality and water flows, and*
- (b) to manage watercourses so as to protect the riparian environment, particularly in relation to riparian vegetation and habitats and bank stability, and*
- (c) to restore degraded watercourses, and*
- (d) to promote community education, and community access to and use of the watercourse, without compromising the other core objectives of the category.*

36J Core objectives for management of community land categorised as bushland

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as bushland are—

- (a) to ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna (including invertebrates, fungi and micro-organisms) of the land and other ecological values of the land, and*
- (b) to protect the aesthetic, heritage, recreational, educational and scientific values of the land, and*
- (c) to promote the management of the land in a manner that protects and enhances the values and quality of the land and facilitates public enjoyment of the land, and to implement measures directed to minimising or mitigating any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and*
- (d) to restore degraded bushland, and*
- (e) to protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores, and*
- (f) to retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration that will enable the existing plant and animal communities to survive in the long term, and*
- (g) to protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface.*

36I Core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use

The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public—

- (a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and*
- (b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).*

In respect of the management of Crown land in NSW, such management is administered under the provisions of the NSW Crown Lands Management Act for the benefit of the people of NSW. As part of the Act (Section 1.4) a set of principles are provided regarding the management of Crown land as follows:

- that environmental protection principles be observed in relation to the management and administration of Crown land, and*
- that the natural resources of Crown land (including water, soil, flora, fauna and scenic quality) be conserved wherever possible, and*
- that public use and enjoyment of appropriate Crown land be encouraged*
- that where appropriate, multiple use of Crown land be encouraged, and*
- that, where appropriate, Crown land should be used and managed in such a way that both the land and its resources are sustained in perpetuity, and*
- that Crown land be occupied, used, sold, leased, licensed or otherwise dealt with in the best interests of the State consistent with the above principles.*

Management of the Crown land within the Reserve is by Bourke Shire Council. Council therefore has the ongoing responsibility to provide care, control and management of the reserve and to ensure that the reserve's uses are consistent with the dedicated 'public purpose' use of the reservation under the Crown Lands Management Act. The public purpose of Crown Land within the reserve is 'Public Recreation'.

Section 36 of the Local Government Act requires Council to develop a Plan of Management for community land to direct the ways in which community land can be used and managed. The use and management of community land must be consistent with its designated categories and core objectives. The categorisation of land within the Reserve under the Local Government Act also needs to be consistent with, in this matter, the zoning objectives of the Bourke Local Environmental Plan.

A draft Plan of Management for the North Bourke Boat Ramp Reserve is currently with NSW Crown Lands awaiting finalisation and sign-off of the plan. The following is noted in the draft Plan in respect of the management for the site:

Council to seek further funding and work with user groups and the community to determine site priorities including bank stabilisation works, primitive camping ground regulation requirements and access. Additional scope for this Reserve to be master planned with

additional facilities/plantings of endemic species to complement existing and identified needs. As for the Reserve, riverbank stabilisation measures to follow advice from Water NSW where vegetation species will survive.

The draft Plan of Management does not state that Council must provide a primitive camping ground, but rather that the Regulation requirements be considered in light of Council and the community's priorities. Before Council designates a campground that would be under its management – this one would be a primitive campground – it needs to be satisfied that the Local Government Act and Regulations have been considered. To formalise a campground, Council would also need to liaise with Crown Lands to determine if a new purpose needs to be added (such as campground) to the reserve. Native Title checks would also need to be carried out and a Section 68 approval under the Local Government Act would also need to be issued.

The following requirements, as sourced from the Local Government (Manufactured Home Estates, Caravan Parks, Camping Grounds and Moveable Dwellings) Regulation 2021, in respect of Primitive Camping Grounds, provides as follows:

131 Primitive camping grounds

- (1) The maximum number of designated camp sites in a primitive camping ground must not exceed an average of 2 for each hectare in the camping ground.
- (2) If the approval to operate a primitive camping ground does not designate camp sites, a council may impose a condition on the approval that the installation of tents, caravans, campervans and annexes is not permitted in specified areas of the primitive camping ground—
 - (a) for the health and safety of occupiers of the camping ground, or
 - (b) to ensure consistency with the principles of ecologically sustainable development, or
 - (c) for another purpose.
- (3) The following conditions apply to a primitive camping ground—
 - (a) if at least 1 camp site is designated—camping is not permitted within the primitive camping ground other than on the designated camp site or sites,
 - (b) if no camp sites are designated—the maximum number of caravans, campervans and tents permitted to use the camping ground at the same time must not exceed an average of 2 for each hectare in the camping ground,
 - (c) a caravan, annexe or campervan must not be permitted to be installed within 6 metres of another caravan, annexe, campervan or tent,
 - (d) a tent must not be permitted to be installed within 6 metres of a caravan, campervan or an annexe or within 3 metres of another tent,
 - (e) the camping ground must be provided with a water supply, toilet and refuse disposal facilities as specified in the approval for the camping ground,
 - (f) unoccupied caravans, campervans and tents are not permitted to remain in the camping ground for more than 24 hours,
 - (g) if a fee is charged for camping—a register must—
 - (i) be kept in accordance with section 121, and
 - (ii) must specify the size of the group accompanying the registered person,
 - (h) fire-fighting facilities required by the approval must be provided at the primitive camping ground.

- (4) Subdivisions 1–8 do not apply to a primitive camping ground.
- (5) The general manager of the council for the area in which a primitive camping ground is located may modify the conditions applying to the camping ground if the general manager is reasonably satisfied that it is necessary to accommodate displaced persons.
- (6) In subsection (3)(b), 2 or more tents occupied by no more than 12 persons camping together must be counted as 1 tent.
- (7) In this section—
average means the average calculated over the total area of the primitive camping ground.

Notwithstanding the complexities of the above legislation, further issues are identified in respect of any potential operation of a primitive campground at the North Bourke Boat Ramp Reserve.

- *Due to the North Bourke Boat Ramp having multiple users of the site, camp sites would need to be designated to ensure the safety of all users of the site. Under the abovementioned requirements, only six (6) camp sites would be allowable in the boat ramp area. This would mean that the number of users would need to be monitored to meet licensing requirements and move on any that were camping outside the approved number of users and timeframes that Council may impose.
- *Access and parking constraints -issues with wet weather and road maintenance.
- *Potential biodiversity degradation -habitat, ecological communities, native species.
- *Environmental Management -buffer zones to areas within watercourse, bank degradation and stabilisation, vegetation regeneration.
- *Fauna and Flora- potential native ecological habitat loss.
- *Potential flooding of infrastructure that is needed to be constructed with the additional purpose of a primitive campground
- *General Waste from Campers - refuse left on land
- *Fire management – potential for uncontrolled campfires to the area and surrounding properties.
- *Companion Animals – potential risk to wildlife and other users.
- *Caravan discharges of both grey and blackwater to land or watercourse as no dump point available at reserve due to proximity of the water course and associated flooding potential.
- *Water supply to campground area.
- *Firefighting equipment maintenance and upkeep, especially when area flooded.
- *Budget and resourcing.
- *Public safety and Risk Management of area – potential user conflict.

Any implementation of a primitive campground at the North Bourke Boat Ramp Crown Reserve would also require Council to undertake Native Title checks and consult with Crown Land along with the community and boat ramp users in relation to the proposed use of the site.

Having regard to both the legislative and other identified issues, it would be proposed that Council does not pursue a primitive campground to allow camping at the North Bourke Boat Ramp Reserve. The financial cost and legislative requirements and the limited return, from 6 sites, makes it an unviable proposition. Accordingly, this would mean that camping in this reserve would not be permissible and appropriate signage should be maintained.

In regard to the Mitchell Highway Road Reserve land, and in this regard, I am specifically referring to the potential use by light vehicle and recreational vehicle road users of the sealed road leading to the old North Bourke Bridge, it is advised that Council Staff contacted officers at Transport for

NSW (TfNSW) in regard to camping in the Road Reserve. TfNSW did not have a definitive opinion on the use of the reserve by caravaners. The reason for this is that the issue is somewhat of a “grey area” in relation to road users utilising the road reserve to take a break from driving. Pitching a tent would be considered a structure and would require approval under s138 of the *Roads Act 1993*. Any persons taking a rest break on the road reserve would have to ensure that they were not stopped on the road or causing any obstruction to other road users. A primitive camping ground could not be approved in a road reserve.

The Transport for NSW “Road User Handbook”, dated 03/22, states,

“Rest areas (or rest stops) are places where you can park safely, get out of your vehicle and refresh yourself. They’re available 24 hours a day, every day of the year. You must not camp in rest areas so if you need a longer rest, find a campsite, hotel or motel. You can also take a break at a: petrol station, park, country town, Driver Reviver site.”

This statement reflects the “grey area” issue as mentioned above. There is no definition as to how long a road user can remain at a roadside rest area. There was a trial in 2020 at two (2) rest stops on the Pacific Highway on the far north coast that imposed four (4) hour parking restrictions for light and recreational vehicles in the general parking areas, and vehicles lighter than 12 tonnes were not able to park in heavy vehicle spaces. Results of the trial and a general rollout of such restrictions do not appear to have been released or further rolled out to other localities.

To progress this matter, it would be proposed that Council enter into discussions with TfNSW with a view to the sealed section of road reserve leading to the old North Bourke Bridge being designated for use by light and recreational travellers as a Rest Area, for a trial period ending 12 months after the opening of such road reserve as a rest area, should it be approved.

At the end of this period it would be proposed that a report on the trial be provided to Council to review usage and issues, including any impact on accommodation providers in Bourke.



Financial Implications

Council would need to budget for expenses associated with establishment, infrastructure and running costs. Staff resourcing would also need to be budgeted for in respect of the operation of the reserve.

Recommendation

- 1. That the legislative information in respect of the potential usage of the North Bourke Boat Ramp Crown Reserve for the purposes of caravanning and camping be noted.**
- 2. That Council not pursue the development of a primitive campground to allow camping at the North Bourke Boat Ramp Crown Reserve and having regard to this position, camping in this reserve not be permissible and appropriate signage be maintained.**
- 3. That Council enter into discussions with TfNSW with a view to the sealed section of road reserve leading to the old North Bourke Bridge being designated for use by light and recreational travellers as a Rest Area, for a trial period ending 12 months after the opening of such road reserve as a rest area, should it be approved.**

- 4. At the end of this period it would be proposed that a report on the trial be provided to Council to review usage and issues, including any impact on accommodation providers in Bourke.**

15 GENERAL MANAGER**15.1 *** ACCOUNTING FOR RURAL FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT****File Number: F2.3****Author: Leonie Brown, General Manager****Authoriser: Leonie Brown, General Manager****Attachments: 1. Response to Auditor General from the Office of Local Government within the Department of Planning and Environment, dated 7 June 2022.**  **Background**

As Councillors are aware, the Local Government Act 1993 requires each NSW council to have their annual financial reports externally audited by the NSW Auditor-General so that the community and councillors have access to an independent opinion on its' validity. The NSW Audit Office conducts these audits on behalf of the NSW Auditor-General.

In recent years there has been considerable conjecture between Councils, the NSW Government, LGNSW and the Audit Office as to the accounting treatment of firefighting assets of the NSW Rural Fire Service, known as the Red Fleet, by local Councils, including Bourke Shire Council.

When the Audit Office of NSW undertakes its annual audit, the final phase of such audit is the provision of what is referred to as a "Management Letter" to Councils General Manager, with a copy to the Mayor. This letter raises any matters of Governance interest during the current audit, any unresolved matters identified during previous audits and matters the Audit Office is required to communicate under Australian Auditing Standards.

The only issue that was identified in the Audit Office's letter in response to the completion of the audit of Bourke Shire Council as at 30 June 2021 was that "Rural firefighting equipment not recognised in financial statements".

In providing background on this matter, I provide the following information from the Management Letter.

"Observation

Council did not record rural fire-fighting equipment in the financial statements.

Rural fire-fighting equipment, specifically the red fleet vehicles, is controlled by the Council and should be recognised in their financial statements. This is supported by the requirements of the Rural Fires Act 1997 and service agreements between councils and the RFS.

The following are indicators of 'control' by Council:

- the Rural Fires Act 1997 vests rural fire-fighting equipment to council, giving Council the legal ownership*

- *the service agreement governs how the RFS can use these assets for fire mitigation and safety works in a council area*
- *as land owner, Council has responsibility for fire mitigation and safety works under the Rural Fires Act 1997*
- *Council is responsible for maintaining the assets but has transferred this responsibility to the RFS through the service agreement*
- *in the event of the loss of an asset, the insurance proceeds are used to reacquire or build a similar asset, which is again vested in Council.*

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (inclusive of the Office of Local Government) confirmed in the 'Report on Local Government 2020' (tabled in Parliament on 27 May 2021) their view that rural firefighting equipment is not controlled by the NSW Rural Fire Service.

Implications

The financial statements are misstated as rural fire-fighting equipment is not recorded.

Recommendation

We recommend that council should:

- *perform a full asset stocktake of rural fire-fighting equipment that it controls, including assessing the condition of these assets*
- *record the rural fire-fighting equipment in the asset register and the financial statements.*

Management Response

Disagree

Council does not agree with the Department's position in regard to recognition of rural fire-fighting equipment.

In accordance with Council's Rural Fire District Service Agreement with the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service, Council has transferred substantially all the rights and obligations in respect to the operation of fire-fighting equipment to the Commissioner for the foreseeable future.

That Agreement specifically transfers to the Commissioner responsibility for operation, maintenance and control of the fire-fighting equipment during the term of the Agreement and Council plays no role in determining how such assets are deployed and has no right of use of the assets.

While the Service Agreement remains in place, Council's position is that to recognise the fire-fighting equipment assets would not be in accordance with the Australian Accounting

Standards, or the NSW Local Government Code of Accounting Practice, and Council will continue not to recognise such assets in its financial reports.

In addition to fire-fighting equipment, Council will also further consider the accounting treatment for recognition of Buildings and Land that is currently recognised by Council as assets, but which is similarly transferred to the Commissioner pursuant to the Service Agreement. This will be reviewed by Council for the next reporting period.

Person responsible: Date (to be) actioned:

Leonie Brown - Manager Corporate Services 30 June 2022"

As can be seen I disagreed with the position of the Audit Office on this matter in respect of the preparation of the 2020/2021 Financial Statements. Such position is maintained in respect of the preparation of the 2021/2022 Statements.

Current Situation

On 23 June 2022, Council received correspondence from the NSW Auditor-General, Margaret Crawford, drawing attention to commentary that she had made on rural fire-fighting equipment in the Audit Office Report to Parliament titled 'Local Government 2021'.

Essentially, the letter is a follow up to the Management Letter of last year by way of the specific findings and recommendations the Auditor General reported to Parliament about rural firefighting equipment vested to councils.

The appendix to the AG's letter provides as follows:

“APPENDIX

Sixty-one per cent of the total value of uncorrected errors was due to unrecorded rural firefighting equipment

In 2017, we recommended that OLG should address the different practices across the local government sector in accounting for rural firefighting equipment.

In 2020–21, 68 (2019–20: 68) councils did not record rural firefighting equipment in their financial statements estimated to be \$145 million (2019–20: \$119 million). Forty-one councils recognise this equipment in their financial statements with a total value of \$162.8 million, highlighting the inconsistent recognition practices across the local government sector.

The financial statements of the NSW Total State Sector and the NSW Rural Fire Service do not include these assets, as the State is of the view that rural firefighting equipment that has been vested to councils under section 119(2) of the Rural Fires Act 1997 is not controlled by the State. In reaching this conclusion, the State argued that on balance it would appear the councils control the rural firefighting equipment that has been vested to them. It is important to note that there are only two parties to the agreements that govern the use of vested rural firefighting equipment, leaving only two parties who would be

considered to control this equipment- the NSW Rural Fire Service in the State sector, or councils in the Local Government sector.

The Department of Planning and Environment (inclusive of the Office of Local Government) (the Department) confirmed in the 'Report on Local Government 2020' (tabled in Parliament on 27 May 2021) their view that rural firefighting equipment is not controlled by the NSW Rural Fire Service.

The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting confirms the State's view that it does not control these assets but provides that 'Councils need to assess whether they control any rural firefighting equipment in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards'. It would seem however, given the State's view that it does not control these assets, that these assets can only be controlled and therefore recognised by councils in the local government sector.

Despite this, many councils do not report these critical assets in their financial statements.

The continued non-recording of rural firefighting equipment in financial management systems of some councils increases the risk that these assets are not properly maintained and managed. Councils who have rural firefighting equipment vested from the NSW Rural Fire Service should recognise these assets in their financial management systems and consider their condition and useful life.

Recommendation to councils

Councils should perform a full asset stocktake of rural firefighting equipment, including a condition assessment for 30 June 2022 financial reporting purposes.

Consistent with the requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards, councils should recognise this equipment as assets in their 30 June 2022 financial statements.

The Department should intervene where councils do not recognise rural firefighting equipment

The Department, through the Office of Local Government, requires each council to prepare financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (accounting standards), as required by the LG Act. The State Government, through NSW Treasury (and in agreement with the Department), has concluded that under accounting standards rural firefighting equipment vested to councils is not controlled by the State, and further on balance that councils in the local government sector control this rural firefighting equipment.

The Department's role includes assessing whether intervention is appropriate with respect to council's compliance with and performance against legislative responsibilities, standards or guidelines. Given the State's clear position, it would appear that any council not recognising this equipment is non-compliant with the relevant accounting standards.

Having considered the accounting position papers prepared by the respective stakeholders, the Audit Office has advised councils and the Department that any council not recognising

this equipment is not complying with the requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards.

The Department should now intervene to address this matter as a priority.

We acknowledge that the Department has committed to working closely with NSW Treasury to educate, guide and assist councils to understand the State's view regarding ownership and recognition of rural firefighting equipment in their financial statements.

Non-recognition of this equipment may impact the financial statements audit opinions of those councils. The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS), a state government entity, has spent in excess of \$1.1 billion over the past ten years on rural firefighting activities and equipment. While confirming the State Government's position that it does not control this equipment, the NSW RFS advised it has a complete listing of the rural firefighting equipment vested to councils under section 119(2) of the Rural Fires Act 1997 and has provided this to the Department. The NSW RFS also confirmed that as it does not control the equipment, it is unable to confirm its value or condition.

This raises two general questions: whether these assets are being properly managed as in some instances they are purportedly not controlled by any government sector and are not recorded in either the State or the local government sector financial records, and whether in these instances there is non-compliance with accounting standards if this equipment is not recorded in the financial statements of councils. This may impact audit opinions on the financial statements of councils.

The Audit Office is conducting performance audits of the NSW Rural Fire Service (Planning and managing bushfire equipment) and the Office of Local Government (the effectiveness of local government regulation and support)."

In summary, the *Audit Office Local Government Report* has reinforced the notion that RFS mobile and other fire-fighting assets can somehow be deemed to be council assets. The report also applies more pressure on councils and the Office of Local Government (OLG) to conform with their determination, even though councils do not have effective management or control of these assets.

It is noted that 68 councils of the 128 councils in NSW did not record these assets in their 2020/2021 financial statements and further note the statement of the Audit Office in its penultimate paragraph, as above, that the non-recording of firefighting equipment "*may impact audit opinions on the financial statements of councils*". This statement is viewed as advice from the AG that councils who do not record such assets may receive a qualified audit report. Council should be aware of this advice in terms of the context of the balance of this report.

It is important that Council is both aware of this issue and the fact that councils across the State and Local Government NSW (LGNSW) refute this determination. It is certainly not ideal to potentially receive a qualified audit report however, Councils **do not** have any say in the acquisition, deployment, or disposal of these assets. Comparable assets held by Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) and the State Emergency Service (SES) are not vested anywhere other than with the organisations that purchase, use, maintain and dispose of them.

Councils and LGNSW have also raised concerns that the AG's requirement breaches Australian Accounting Standards. The State Government's own *Local Government Accounting Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting* provides for councils to determine whether to record RFS assets on their books as council assets. This position has been confirmed by the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment in his letter to the Auditor-General dated 7 June 2022, presented in Appendix 1, as attached herewith.

LGNSW is encouraging councils to continue resisting pressure from the Audit Office and make their own determinations notwithstanding overtures that ongoing non-compliance with the Auditor General's instructions may result in future qualified financial reports.

The latest Audit Report has made further impositions on (Council) by:

- recommending Council undertakes a stocktake of RFS assets and records the value in Council's financial statements;
- warning that if Council does not recognise the assets, it will be found non-compliant and will have a high risk finding reported; and
- calling on the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (OLG) to intervene where councils do not recognise rural firefighting equipment.

The Government's blanket determination does not only not make sense, but it is also inconsistent with the treatment of the comparable assets of other emergency service agencies such as Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) and the State Emergency Service (SES). There is no rational reason for maintaining this anomaly.

LGNSW has been advocating this position on councils' behalf and has written to the NSW Treasurer the Hon. Matt Kean MP, Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon. Steph Cooke MP, Minister for Local Government the Hon. Wendy Tuckerman MP and the Auditor-General, Ms Margaret Crawford to express the local government sector's strong objection to the NSW Government's determination, applied by the Auditor-General, that RFS assets are the property of councils for accounting purposes and amend the *Rural Fires Act 1997*.

LGNSW has advised it will continue its advocacy efforts on councils' behalf and is asking all affected councils in NSW to consider adopting a resolution advising the Audit Office that Council will not carry out the RFS stocktakes on behalf of the NSW Government and will not record RFS assets on Council's financial statements. I concur with this position and will recommend accordingly.

Financial Implications

Recognition of rural fire fighting assets will require Council to recognise an increased annual depreciation expense which will negatively impact Councils reported bottom line operating result before capital grants. It is not possible to put a figure on such depreciation as Council does not have an understanding as to what rural firefighting equipment exists in the Bourke Shire area. In addition, it is unknown if there are any indirect cost to Council in the event of Councils annual financial statements being qualified by the Audit Office.

Recommendation

- 1. That Council write to the NSW Treasurer, the Hon Matt Kean MP; the Minister for Emergency Services and Resilience, the Hon Stephanie Cook MP; the Minister for Local Government, Wendy Tuckerman MP and the Member for Barwon, Roy Butler MP,**

- a. **Expressing Council's objection to the NSW Government's determination on ownership of Rural Fire Service assets;**
 - b. **Advising of the impact of the Government's position on Council finances of this accounting treatment;**
 - c. **Informing that Council will not carry out RFS asset stocktakes on behalf of the NSW Government and will not record RFS assets in Bourke Shire Council's financial statements;**
 - d. **Calling on the NSW Government to take immediate action to permanently clear up inequities and inconsistencies around the accounting treatment of Rural Fire Service (RFS) assets by acknowledging that rural firefighting equipment is vested in, under the control of and the property of the RFS; and**
 - e. **Amending s119 of the *Rural Fires Act 1997* so that the effect is to make it clear that RFS assets are not the property of councils.**
2. **That Council write to the NSW Auditor General, Ms Margaret Crawford, advising that notwithstanding any overtures of future qualified audits, it will not carry out RFS stocktakes on behalf of the NSW Government and will not record RFS assets in Bourke Shire Council's Financial Statements, noting that the State Government's own Local Government Accounting Code of Practice and Financial Reporting provides for councils to determine whether or not they record the RFS assets as council assets.**
 3. **That notwithstanding Councils position in respect of this accounting issue, Council reaffirms its complete support of and commitment to its local RFS brigade.**
 4. **That Council requests LGNSW to continue advocating on Council's behalf to get clarification finally from the State Government about the accounting treatment of RFS assets**

Appendix one – Response from the Office of Local Government within the Department of Planning and Environment

Strengthening local government



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Ms Margaret Crawford
 Auditor-General for New South Wales
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Email:

7 June 2022

Dear Ms Crawford

Thank you for the opportunity to review an updated draft of the report on Local Government 2021.

I have reviewed the changes in the draft report and would like to clarify my feedback in relation to the recognition of rural firefighting equipment (RFS Assets) for your consideration in finalising the report.

I acknowledge the State's position is that it does not control RFS assets. Councils need to assess whether they control any rural firefighting equipment in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. Councils need to recognise, in their financial statements, any material assets under their control and state the relevant accounting policy in relation to the treatment to the Audit Office.

The Minister for Local Government and the Department do not have legal authority to direct councils in this matter. However, we are working closely with Treasury to educate, guide and assist councils to understand the State's view regarding the ownership and recognition of the RFS assets in their financial reporting.

Should you require further assistance in relation to these matters, please do not hesitate to contact Ally Dench, OLG's Executive Director on [redacted] or by email at olg@olg.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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16 CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**16.1 *** BANK RECONCILIATION & STATEMENT OF BANK BALANCES**

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

Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 30 June 2022

Balances as per Bank Statement	\$893,914.01
Plus: Deposit not shown	\$0.00
Less: Unpresented Cheques	\$3,784.96
Balance as per Cash Book	\$890,129.05

Reconciled Ledger Accounts as at 30 June 2022

Fund or Account	Current Balance	Overdraft Statutory Limit
General	\$29,779,460.41	\$200,000.00
Water	\$3,050,237.44	
Sewer	\$2,693,418.85	
Trust	\$109,941.11	
	\$35,633,057.81	

Investments as at 30 June, 2022

National Australia Bank	\$1,084,474.56	0.35%	367 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$456,379.79	0.07%	360 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$3,025,633.12	0.35%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,102,965.00	0.35%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$2,014,665.26	0.46%	182 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$2,008,219.18	0.36%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,158,167.48	0.55%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$678,210.58	0.33%	330 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$3,106,731.89	0.04%	365 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$3,065,270.42	0.07%	360 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$704,706.26	0.04%	360 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,730,366.78	0.32%	300 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$1,502,071.24	1.07%	272 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$13,105,067.19	Flex		
Total Investments	\$34,742,928.75			

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 2022

Balance as per cash book	\$890,129.05
Investments	\$34,742,928.75
Total, equalling Reconciled Ledger	\$35,633,057.80

Statement of Bank Balances as at 30 June 2022

	Balance 30 April, 2022	Transaction	Balance 30 June, 2022
General Fund	\$27,648,978.68	\$2,130,481.73	\$29,779,460.41
Water Fund	\$2,209,156.28	\$841,081.16	\$3,050,237.44
Sewer Fund	\$2,724,174.58	-\$30,755.73	\$2,693,418.85
Trust Fund	\$113,618.11	-\$3,677.00	\$109,941.11
Investments	-\$28,733,153.97	-\$6,009,774.79	-\$34,742,928.76
Totals	\$3,962,773.68	-\$3,072,644.63	\$890,129.05

Balance of all Funds as at 30 June 2022

Balance as at 31st May, 2022	\$3,962,773.68
Add Receipts for	
(a) Rates	\$165,940.56
(b) Other Cash	\$7,197,298.73
Deduct payments for	
(a) Payments	\$4,430,719.60
(b) New Investment	\$6,005,164.32
Balance as at 30 June, 2022	\$890,129.05

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 2022 be noted.

16.2 * INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2022**

File Number: F1.1
Author: Leonie Brown, Manager of Corporate Services
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, 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 2021/22 Budget estimated the total investment revenue as \$290,000 which represents an estimated return of .25%. During the budget review process at the end of March 2022, this estimate was reducing to \$235,000 for the year. This revenue was split proportionally across General, Water and Sewer Funds and changes on a monthly basis in accordance with cash flow requirements.

The market value of Council's investments held as at 30 June 2022 is \$34,742,928.75

Investment income earned as at 31 May 2022 is \$110,774.41

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 2022

National Australia Bank	\$1,084,474.56	0.35%	367 Days	A1+
National Australia Bank	\$456,379.79	0.07%	360 Days	A1+
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Total Investments	\$34,742,928.75			

Term Deposits

Discussions/Comments

The Investment portfolio increased by \$6,009,774.79 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 June 2022 be received and noted.**
- 2. That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted, and the report adopted.**

16.3 * REVIEW OF CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2021/2022 AND REALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

File Number: R2.5
Author: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

The purpose of this report is to seek Councils approval to carry over to 2022/2023 various projects originally intended to be undertaken in 2021/2022.

A review of the 2021/2022 Capital Works Program and Operational Funds has been undertaken by the Management Team. Detailed below are recommendations of projects and operating funds to be revoted in accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (clause 211) to the Operational Plan for 2022/2023.

Assessment

- a) Legal Implications Including Directives and Guidelines**
Council needs to resolve to cancel and/or postpone the projects.
- b) Financial Implications/Considerations**
The funds from the postponed and cancelled will be returned to existing reserves
- c) Policy Provisions - Council Policy and Practice**
There are no policy implications.

Current Situation

Each year Council has projects that have not commenced before the end of the financial year due to competing priorities. In these circumstances funds are required to be carried forward to complete the projects and expend the funding.

The following line items are recommended to be revoted for expenditure in 2022/2023:-

Project	Comment	Estimated value
Vault Safety system	2021/2022 Budget	\$33,762 (Insurance safety incentive payment received)
Bourke Depot – electronic gates	2020/2021 Budget Project not competed in 2021/2022 – gates procured installation to be completed 2022/2023	\$50,000 (Infrastructure renewal reserve \$22,000 and \$28,000 General Revenue)
Light Plant	2021/2022 Budget	\$33,000 (General Revenue)
North Bourke Drainage upgrade	2021/2022 Budget	\$270,000 (Infrastructure renewal reserve and \$30,000 General Revenue)
Information Display	2021/2022 Budget project not completed; urgent replacement of air-conditioning unit	\$30,000 (General Revenue)

	required for building 2. Fund be reallocated for purchase of air-conditioning	
JO Marketing	2021/2022 Budget – due to COVID marketing strategy was delayed	\$10,000 (General Revenue)
Tools Back O Bourke	2021/2022 Budget	\$7,000 (General Revenue)

Financial Implications

There will be no additional financial burden on Councils estimates as the expenditure is transferring unspent funds from the 2021/2022 budget to 2022/2023 budget.

Recommendation

That the capital works projects previously planned for 2021/2022 as detailed herewith be revoked for expenditure as part of the Operational Plan for 2022/2023.

16.4 * FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 30 JUNE 2022**

File Number: F1.4.6
Author: Leonie Brown, Manager Corporate Services
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, 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 June 2022. 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 2021-2022 and Council's financial position at 30 June 2022. 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 2022 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 2022.

17 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Nil

18 DELEGATES AND COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Nil

19 POLICIES

Nil

20 PRÉCIS OF CORRESPONDENCE

20.1 *** RONNY GIBBS 7S RUGBY LEAGUE AND NETBALL GALA DAY

File Number: C12.5-D5.2

Author: Leonie Brown, General Manager

Authoriser: Leonie Brown, General Manager

Attachments: 1. **Funding Request - Ronny Gibbs 7s Rugby League and Netball Gala Day**
 

Background

Council has received a request from the Ronny Gibbs 7's tournament and the NSW Office of Sport for support for the 2022 Ronny Gibbs 7's Rugby League and Netball tournament to be held on Tuesday, 23 August and Wednesday, 24 August 2022. It is expected the tournament will be a well patronised event as 2022 will celebrate the 25th year of this event, with the event having been cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID restrictions. At its meeting held on 24 May 2021, Council resolved to accede to a request for financial support, however, as mentioned, the event did not proceed and no funds were required.

Current Situation

The request includes in-kind assistance for the provision of Davidson Oval and the marking of the oval on game day and the waiving of fees for hire of the Jandra Paddle Vessel. The total cost of the support is estimated at a maximum of \$1,500.

The economic benefit for Bourke for this event is estimated to be \$85,000. The football and netball event is expected to attract near 500 children.

Financial Implications

The in-kind contribution for oval hire and preparation has a provision included in the 2022/2023 Operational Plan. Funding for the requested funding in respect of the Jandra is available in Council's Operational Plan in the tourism section.

Recommendation

That Council accede to the request to support the 25th Ronny Gibbs 7's tournament including the waiving of oval hire, marking of ovals and fees in respect of the hire of the PV Jandra at the maximum total cost of \$1,500.00.



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

Doc No:	
23 JUN 2022	
MAYOR	COUNCIL
GM	LIBRARY
MCS	RATES
ITE	BOBEC
MEV	HR
IR	IT
MW	DEPOT
EDM	CREDITORS
OTHER	Pleas.

Name of applicant organisation:	Office of Sport .
Postal Address:	1/167 Brisbane St Dubbo
Contact person:	Miranda Richardson
Position:	Development Officer .
Phone number:	0460 042 079
Mobile number:	
Fax number:	
Email address:	programs@fnas.com.au .

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

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

(Date(s) to be specified each year)

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

Bourke Shire Council
 Financial Assistance Program
 P O Box 21 / 29 Mitchell Street
 BOURKE NSW 2840
 Phone: 02 68308000 Fax: 02 68723030
 Email: bourkeshire@bourke.nsw.gov.au

INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Please provide a brief overview of your group /organisation:-
Ronny Cribbs 7s
Rugby league & Netball gala day.
High school students.

Is the Group/organisation based in Bourke Shire?:- Yes/No
If no, where is it located?
Dubbo
What is the number of current members of your group/organisation? 495

Purpose for which the donation will be used:-
* Marking of the ovals
* Ground hire fee
* Paddle boat hire

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

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

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

To be completed for "in kind" support:-

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

ITEM	Applicant's Contribution	Support sought from Council
A. Monetary		
Total (A)		
B. Equipment costs		*Marking of walls
		*Ground hire fee
		*Paddle boat hire
Total (B)		
C. Labour costs		
Total (C)		
D. Other project costs		
Total (D)		
TOTAL COSTS (A+B+C+D)		

ORGANISATION'S BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Name of bank:	
Name of bank account:	
Bank BSB Number:	
Bank Account Number:	

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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

CERTIFICATION

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

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

Signed: Miranda Richardson

Name: Miranda Richardson

Position: Development Officer

Date: 9/6/22

APPLICATION FORM	
MINOR (Under 500)	
Has the event been held before? If so, please provide a brief history of the event:	
Yes, for the past 25 years.	
Please explain the purpose of this event: To bring high school students together to play sport rugby league and Netball	
Expected number of attendees:	495
Do you have Public Liability Insurance?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If so, please provide copies with this application with Bourke Shire Council noted as an interested party. Minimum \$20 million cover required	
Are public road closures sought:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If so, approval is required from Council, Traffic Committee and Roads and Maritime Service	
Are you erecting any temporary structures? Stage, marquee, toilets, etc.	Yes - Harquees
If yes, please describe in full, including dimensions etc. these structures are to be drawn on your site map to be included with this application	
Have you notified nearby residents/businesses of your proposed event? Indicate how this was achieved, i.e. flyers, visit?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you considered parking requirements?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
A risk assessment will need to be completed on all activities and forwarded to Council	
Will there be fireworks and pyrotechnics at this event?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, has a permit been obtained? Refer to www.workcover.nsw.gov.au for details	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Will stallholders be present at this event?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, public liability policies will need to be obtained from each stallholder with a minimum \$20 million cover and Bourke Shire Council noted as an interested party	
Will First Aid facilities be present at this event?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please provide details e.g. trained staff/volunteer in First Aid, etc.	
NRL qualified first aid responders.	
Is alcohol being sold at this event	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, copies of the Liquor Permit is to be attached and bar stewards will need to have Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate	
Will there be food vendors/organisations selling food for this event?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, do they comply with industry requirements (food handling procedures, etc)?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Will there be amusement rides, jumping castles, etc at this event?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please obtain forms from Council, these will need to be completed and returned with copies of required information attached	

Are you requiring additional services from Council, other than those existing at the site?
 (NB: Services provided by Council may incur a charge, which may be required to be paid in full prior to the event)

- additional Council forms to be completed.
- 17. No amplification is used by any event without Councils approval, with the exception of a public address system to make important announcements, e.g. prize winners.
 - 18. In considering approval of events, the provision of appropriately trained and licensed security staff to assist in the orderly conduct of events is seen as desirable, and may be a requirement of approval at the discretion of Council.

5. REVIEW

This Policy will be reviewed on a bi-annual basis or as required with all Information packs and application forms to be reviewed as required.

6. EVENT APPLICATION FORM -- MINOR EVENTS (UNDER 500)

Applications MUST BE submitted a minimum of 6 weeks before the event.

To:	General Manager	Phone Number:	02 68 308 000
	Bourke Shire Council	Fax Number:	02 68 723 030
	PO Box 21 Bourke NSW 2820	email:	bourkeshire@bourke.nsw.gov.au

APPLICANT DETAILS			
NAME OF ORGANISATION: Office of Sport			
Nominated contact person: Miranda Richardson			
Contact Address: 1/167 Brisbane St Dubbo			
Contact Phone:		Mobile: 0460 042 079	
Contact Phone During Event: 0460 042 079		Email: miranda.richardson@sport.nsw.gov.au	
Date:		Applicants Signature: MWR	
EVENT DETAILS			
Event Name: Ronny Gibbs 15 - 2015			
Event Date(s): Tuesday 23rd Wednesday 24th August		Alternate Date(s):	
Proposed Venue(s): Davidson Oval		Alternate Venue(s):	
Timing of Event: Start: 9am		Finish: 3pm	
Type of Event: Gala day		Indoors: <input type="checkbox"/>	Outdoors: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tick the box that best describes your event	Civic Reception: <input type="checkbox"/>	Markets/ Stalls: <input type="checkbox"/>	Promotion: <input type="checkbox"/>
	Australia Day: <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Birthday: <input type="checkbox"/>	Wedding: <input type="checkbox"/>	Other: <input type="checkbox"/>

Details of Event:

School students Rugby league and Netball gala day.

(please attach any brochure/leaflets/flyers/media releases)



Certificate of Currency

Office of Sport

The NSW Self Insurance Corporation, branded as icare Insurance for NSW (icare), was established by the NSW Self Insurance Corporation Act 2004. The main function of icare is the administration of the Treasury Managed Fund (TMF), which provides cover for all insurance exposures (other than compulsory third-party insurance) faced by those general government sector agencies and public sector agencies that are members of the TMF scheme.

Period of coverage

This will confirm that commencing 1 July 2021, until 30 June 2022, Office of Sport being a TMF Agency is a member of the TMF which provides insurable risk protection in accordance with the TMF Statement of Cover.

The TMF Agency, and their employees and volunteers, are fully covered for their legal liability to any third party arising out of their operations, worldwide.

Coverage inclusions

Cover includes, but is not limited to:

- Worker's Compensation as per current NSW Legislation.
- Legal Liability inclusive of:
 - Public Liability for an amount of \$100,000,000,
 - Professional Indemnity for an amount of \$100,000,000,
 - Product Liability for an amount of \$100,000,000, and
 - Directors & Officers for an amount of \$100,000,000.
- Personal Accident coverage for Voluntary Workers whilst actively engaged in voluntary work for the TMF Agency. Coverage is provided in accordance with and equivalent to the benefits payable under the NSW Workers Compensation Legislation, as amended, provided under TMF Miscellaneous cover.
- Personal Accident cover whilst travelling domestically and abroad.
- Property coverage (including plate glass) on a full replacement (new for old) basis, including, consequential loss, worldwide, for loss and/or damage to all real and personal property either owned by, or the responsibility of, the TMF Agency.
- Motor Vehicle cover for loss of and/or property damage caused to or by a motor vehicle while being used for the purpose of or in connection with the TMF Agency's business.

For full details on TMF indemnity and its protection, please refer to the relevant sections of the TMF Statement of Cover.

Note: icare hereby agrees that should such coverage be cancelled or withdrawn for any reason, 30 days' notice will be provided.

Andrew Ziolkowski
Group Executive, Prevention and Underwriting

21 ACTIVITY REPORTS

21.1 ACTIVITY REPORT - ENGINEERING SERVICES ROAD WORKS & WORKSHOP - WORKS COMPLETED

File Number: E7.1
Author: Alex Saju, Manager Roads
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

The following information outlines works completed from 16 June 2022 to 15 July 2022 inclusive.

Road Works - Michael Willoughby – Roads Supervisor	
1. NORTH SECTOR – Denis Tiffen, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
MR 68 South	Knocking down gravel commenced
MR 68 South	Knocking down gravel completed
MR 404 Hungerford Road	Maintenance grading completed
RLR 50 Mooleyarrah	Maintenance grading commenced
2. SOUTH SECTOR - John Reed, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
SH 7 North Widening	Shoulder widening commenced
SH 7 North Widening	Shoulder widening completed
MR 68 South	Maintenance grading completed
SH 29 Widening	Shoulder widening commenced
SH 29 Widening	Shoulder widening completed
3. TRANSPORT SECTOR - Simon Wielinga, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
MR 68 South	Carting gravel commenced
MR 68 South	Carting gravel completed
4. BITUMEN SECTOR – Phillip Harvey, Team Leader	
Bourke Township	Patching undertaken
Regional Roads	Patching undertaken
State Highways	Patching undertaken
State Highways 7 North	Slashing commenced

WORKSHOP – Colin Kiley, Team Leader, Tradesman Plant Mechanic			
Plant no	Rego	Description	Work Carried Out
12	BM99KO	2011 Toyota Hilux	Repair wiring on lights
59	Z-37484	2014 Trans-tech Quad axle	Remove and replace hydraulic motor and pump
62		2010 Delta	Disassemble slasher and start to rebuild completely

68	X50802	2011 Moore's	Check wheel bearings and brakes, adjust as needed, check over, trailer found cracks in springs hangers, cut hangers off and weld new ones on and rebush, Springs slide worn and failed, brakes worn, bearings worn, bushes worn, gouge welds, remove worn hangers and weld new hangers onto trailers, replace brakes, bushes and bearings, Repair tarp and replaced wire cable.
69	X50803	2011 Moore's	Remove and replace wheel bearing, brakes and adjust, springs slides worn and failed, brakes worn, bearings worn, bushes worn, gouge welds, remove hangers and weld in new hangers, replace wheel bearings, brakes and bushes
76	P95814	2004 Moore Roadtrain Tipper	Repair and replace lights and reflectors
92	NX29QQ	2014 Western Star	Carried out service, Repair air leaks and valve, exhaust pipe, torque rod bushes, check over
98	P95816	Box Trailer	Replace tail light, find and fix broken wires
108	63723D	Toro	Replace blades and belt
109	07615C	2011 Toro	Carried out service and replaced blades
112	Y73255		Faulty lead, make new lead check trailer over
123	DB78LA	2021 Mitsubishi Pajero	Carried out service
132	CP22CH	John Deere	Carried out service
139	BR53WH	Caterpillar 950H	Carried out service, diagnosed oil leak, remove weld up and refit muffler box
141	XN84BW	John Deere Grader	Carried out service, engine derating, repair wastegate actuator wiring and check electrical system
145	DD36KX	Ford Ranger	Carried out service, fit and calibrate distance counter
149	TC61FS	Moore's triaxle Tipper	Repair tarp arms
172	CL38AZ	Isuzu 1500 FXY	Repair air leaks, remove broken headlight bulb and replace, hydraulic leak, clean and find leak, repair hose and tighten fittings, leaking alloy air tanks, remove weld and replace air tanks
174	YKY51P	2020 Mazda BT 50	Replace and rewire tail lights
180	TD35QS	Car Trailer	Battery faulty, replace battery and test system, remove battery, charge and test found faulty battery
190	CY21LY	2020 Mazda BT 50	Carried our service
196	P87976	Box Trailer	Set up and wire for ad-blue tank
198		Spray Tank	Repair hose and fitting leaks, replace leaking hose, replace fittings
218	XO46AE	2012 Hino	Remove and replace faulty hydraulic hose and repair leaks, adjust brakes, repair wiring and replace light as needed, flashing light not

			working, replace rubber on cab lifter
236	TB84BR	PUMP	Carried out service
243	64068D	2020 Case Loader	Remove and replace hydraulic hose
244	19334E	Toro Groundmaster	Check over, tighten loose bolts, flat tyre, remove and fit new tyre
257	XO89ED	2021 Hino	Top fan vibrating, no soap from pressure washer, clean out fan, repair electric motor, diagnose issues, fit new gun as factory gun was faulty, diagnose and repair transmission oil cooler fan
261	DC66LK	Ford Ranger	Carried out service, repaired lights
294	09363C	2013 Mahindra Tractor	Check over, order parts for repairs and service
300	CR59EV	Mitsubishi Triton	Repair lights
505	XN17EH	Kenworth Primemover	Carried out service, repair wiring for lights and repair hydraulic leaks
506	XN65HG	Kenworth Primemover	Fridge broken, exhaust clamps broken, replace fried and exhaust clamps
510	73228D	Smooth Drum Roller	Carried out service
520	YN03BI	Moore's Trailers	Repair mud guards and replace flaps, repair wiring on ABS
521	YN04BI	Moore's Trailers	Repair ABS wiring and tarp, brake hoses damaged, brake booster damaged, spring hanger failed completely, repaired broken air hose, replace air valves, replace brake booster, repair broken air hoses, replace broken air valves, replace brake booster, cut out broken hanger, weld in new hanger
522	YN05BI	Moore's Dolly	Replace mud flap, and mug guard
		Crossley Engine	Check over and run
		Small Plant	Service and replace blades and sharpen, carry out a number of services
		Yard Work	Clean out parts room and removed old stock for auction and rearrange rooms, clean out old tyres, remove old gates and concrete footings, level pad, put down crusher dust and roll
		Miscellaneous	Repair over heating problem, remove and replace glass and door, hook up adjust and calibrate two new hire tippers
		Welding	Repair gates and make shelves, remove and replace springs slides for plant# 68,69 and 521 Gouge, clean, prepare and weld in new springs slides
Staff Training		Nil	

Recommendation
That Council note the information in the Engineering Services Department Road Works and Workshop Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 25 July 2022.

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

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

Background

The following information outlines works completed for the period of 16 June to 15 July 2022 inclusive.

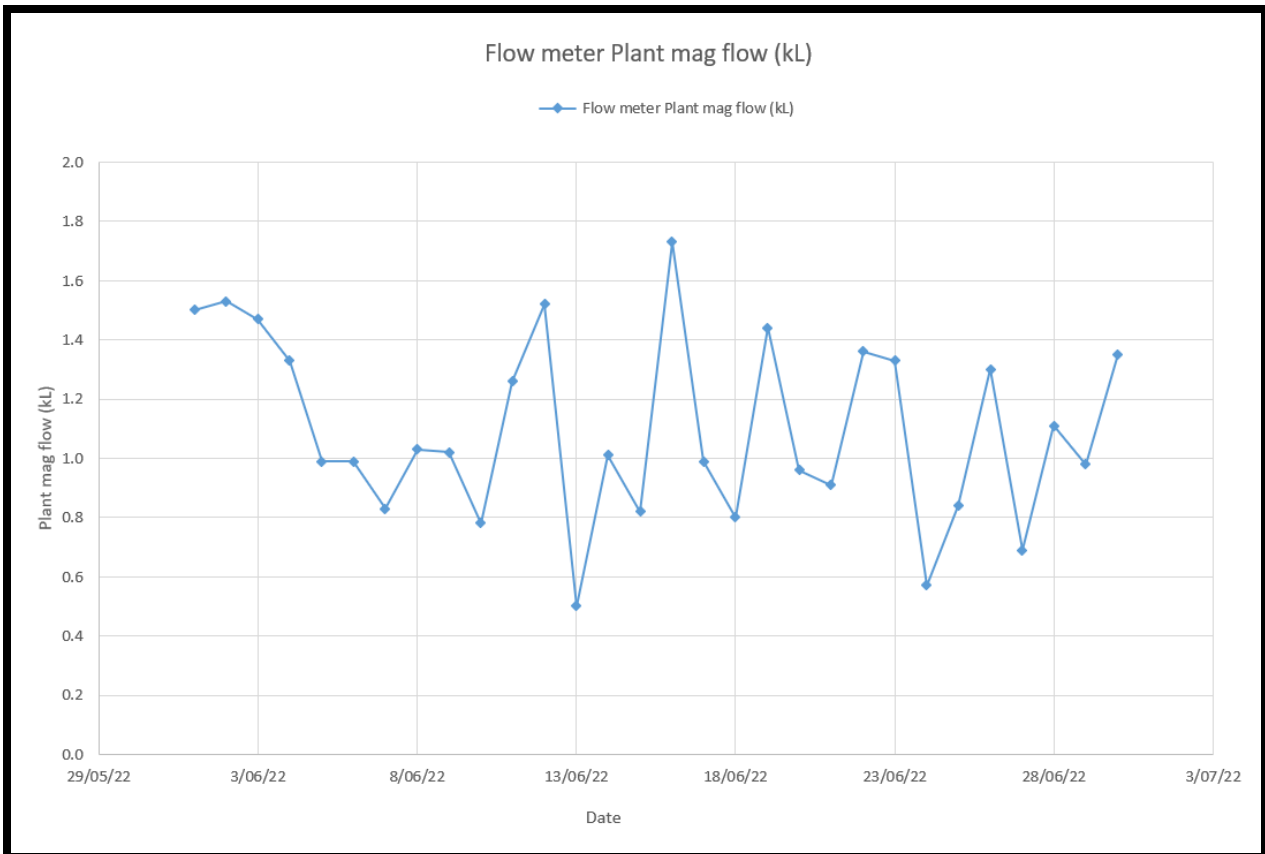
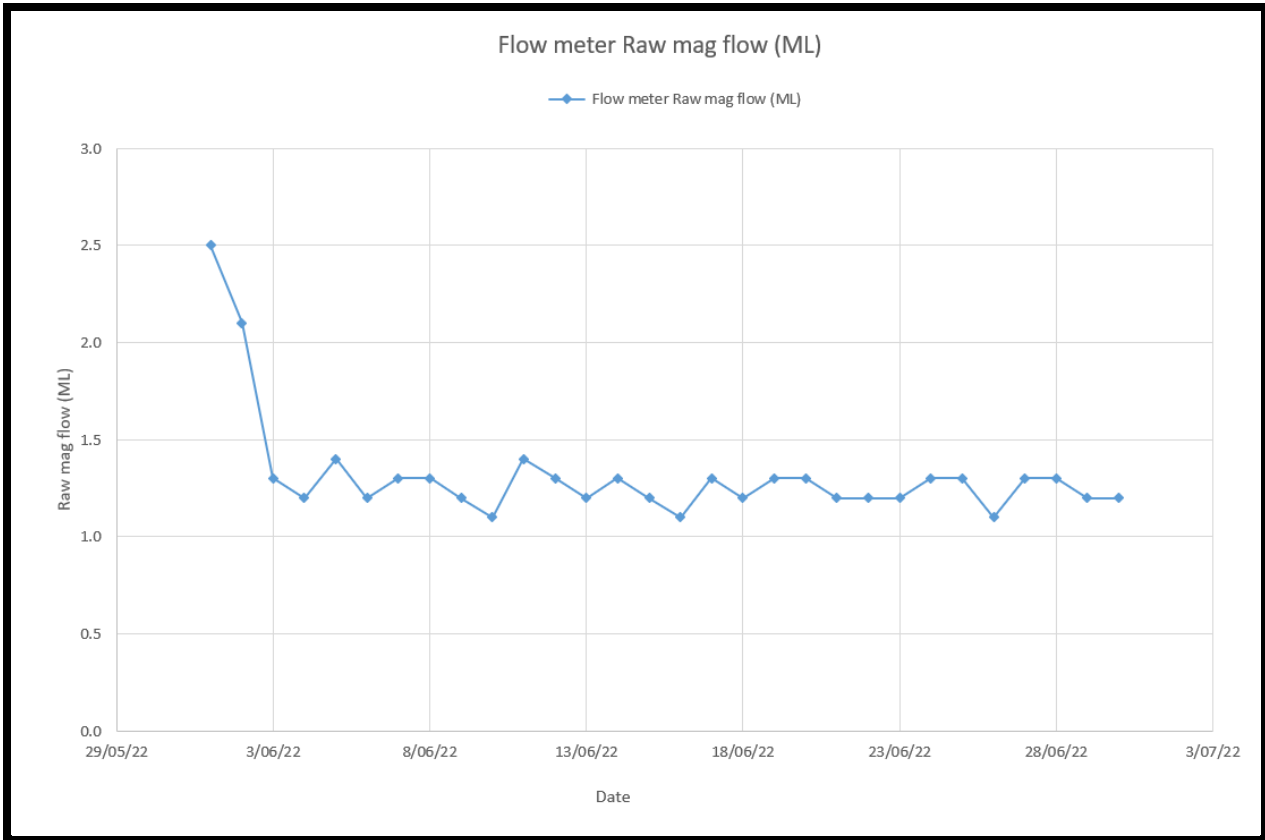
Current Situation

PARKS & GARDENS – Frank Hollman, Acting Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
General	All parks & sporting grounds gardens, regular mowing & maintenance carried out. Sporting grounds facilities cleaned & maintained. Public toilets cleaned & maintained. Clean facilities. General graffiti removal carried out on Council facilities.
Small Plant	Maintenance & service carried out on all ground plant.
Works Requests	Actioned & ongoing.
1 Tudor St	General maintenance carried out.
Wharf	General maintenance carried out.
Council Office	General maintenance carried out.
Renshaw Complex	Grounds, facilities cleaned & maintained.
Coolican Oval	General maintenance carried out. Prepare grounds for Soccer.
Davidson Oval	General maintenance carried out. Prepare grounds for Ladies Tag, Junior and Senior League. Prepare grounds for NAIDOC week. Prepare grounds for TRYP / Maranguka Bourke Joint Communities Youth School Holiday Mentoring Program. Prepare grounds for St Ignatius and Primary School’s Athletics carnival.
Central Park	Skate Park - regular mowing & maintenance carried out, graffiti removal. Prepare grounds for NAIDOC week.
Villages	Mow grounds, facilities cleaned & maintained.
Airport	Mowed airstrip.
Darling Park	General maintenance carried out. Prepare grounds for Welcome to Bourke Baby Ceremony.
Staff Training	Nil

TOWN SERVICES– Troy Hayman, Team Leader	
Location	Work Carried Out
Work Requests	Actioned & ongoing
	Weekly sand footpaths
	Weekly Town mowing
	Relieving Staff in garbage truck
	Daily-Main Street Program
	Daily airport Inspections
	Airport Slashing and Mowing
	Town Slashing and laneways
	Town Poisoning
	Monthly airport inspections Louth & Wanaaring
Cemetery	Prepared graves:- Move headstones 21/06/2022, Graves: 15/06/2022, 23/06/2022
Rest Areas	Weekly rubbish removal, cleaning along roadside, pressure clean and mow Cobar rest area
	Monthly service and roadside rubbish removal
	Mow rest areas
Staff Training	Nil
Works Request	Remove branches from Tarcoon Street
	Deliver pipes out to Wanaaring
	Erect new signage in Central Park for kids cycle track
	Deliver and spread soil for garden beds in Mitchell Street
	Deliver crusher dust to Davidson Oval for footpath
	Remove burnt out vehicles
	Concrete new bin stand at BP Service Station and bolt down
	Remove rubbish from Oxley Street footpath
	Patch hole in laneway for garbage truck
	Remove trees from laneway of bottle shop
	Remove mulch from Hope Street footpath
	Mow and Slash Tancred Drive
	Mow and slash around Renshaw house and dog pound
	Sand hole in Central Park
	Pick up notice boards from library and take back to Renshaw
	Remove burnt out bin from main street
	Erect signage for Public School
	Pick up trees in Short Street
	Crane camera pole near Catholic School
	Sand delivered to Men’s Hub for NAIDOC week
	Relieve garbage truck operator
	Delivered gravel for Shire laneway
	Paint parking lines in front of Bakery and Bourke Bowling Club
	Poison ants nest in main street
	Mow North Bourke Subdivision
	Remove car from Shire Depot

Water & Wastewater – Shane Hopley, Team Leader	
Water Supply Planned Maintenance	
3 Culgoa Street	Sewer Choke
Cottage 4, Alice Edwards Village	Sewer Choke
56 Darling Street	Sewer Choke
2 Hume Place	Sewer Choke
1 B Oxley Street	Sewer Choke
150 Meadows Road	Sewer Choke
4 Bloxham Street	Sewer Choke
48 Short Street	Sewer Choke
63 Oxley Street	Sewer Choke
36 Mitchell Street	Sewer Choke
35 Oxley Street	Sewer Choke
11 Coomah Street	Sewer Choke
21 Tarcoon Street	Sewer Choke
16 A Warraweena Street	Sewer Choke
14 Oxley Street	Sewer Choke
99 Darling Street	Sewer Choke
17 Mooculta Street	Dug sewer, cleared main
Enngonia CWA	Dug sewer, cleared choke
Alice Edwards Village	Pull out pumps, clear choke
72 Mertin Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
86 Tudor Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
3 Wilson Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
65 Oxley Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
5 Yanda Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
37 Darling Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
50 Mertin Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
150 Anson Street	Repair leaking 20mm filtered water service
Enngonia	Repair leaking 25mm, Bore water service
72 Short Street	Repair leaking 25mm raw water service
52 Mitchell Street	Repair leaking 25mm raw water service
11 Anson Street	Repair leaking 25mm raw water service
Waters Parks	Dug leaking 40mm poly line and repaired
Railway Park	Repair leaking 50mm filtered water service
Anson Street, Islands	Repair leaking 50mm raw water service
Airport	Dug 50mm filtered water main and repaired main
Meadows Road	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repaired main
41 Mertin Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired service
North Bourke	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
38 Mooculta Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
10 Richard Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
29 Mitchell Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main

20 Meek Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
66 Oxley Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
98 Hope Street	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
Namoi Street, North Bourke	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
7 Anson Street	Dug 100mm filtered water main and repaired main
North Bourke, pump Site Cemetery	Dug 100mm raw water main and repaired main
11 Anson Street	Dug 100mm raw water main, replaced 100mm service valve
Richard Street	Dug 150mm filtered water main and repaired main
Mitchell Lane	Dug 150mm filtered water main and repaired main
54 Oxley Street	Dug 225mm filtered water main and repaired service
North Bourke	Repair leaking hydrants Flush Hydrants Replace raw water pump Lift raw water shed
Back O Bourke Exhibition Centre	Repair leaking toilet system and raw water leak Replace leaking filtered water tap
Mitchell Lane	Cover manholes for road works Connect storm water
Wanaaring	Dug service at Bee farm Low water pressure Super Chlorinate and clean tanks
Louth	Repair leaking toilet
Airport	Repair leaking raw water tap
119 Oxley Street	Remove meter and water services
63 Oxley Street	Low filtered pressure blow out and clear
Men's Shed	Pull down fence
Central Park	Repair broken toilet Put pump back together
1-3 Short Street	Repair leaking toilet and stop water hammer
29 Mitchell Street	Repair leak under Office
Pool	Repair sprinklers
Caretakers Cottage Depot	Replace shower
Water Treatment Plant	3D scan of WTP for VR pilot Spray weeds Replace manhole lids
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 2 ML	Raw Water North Bourke KL	Filter Water North Bourke KL
January 2021	134	43	31,255	2,013
February 2021	94	39	30,110	2,145
March 2021	96	38	29,332	2,130
April 2021	99	36	11,607	1,717
May 2021	102	38	12,676	1,808
June 2021	74	34	8,484	1,735
July 2021	75	33	9,856	1,788
August 2021	98	27	16,310	1,542
September 2021	107	29	19,235	1,325
October 2021	122	30	20,314	1,255
November 2021	81	31	16,326	1,356
December 2021	108	36	20,589	1,234
January 2022	113	34	25,364	1,463
February 2022	129	31	29,523	1,958
March 2022	140	37	28,561	1,621
April 2022	104	33	10,985	1,563
May 2022	77	29	9,456	1,963
June 2022	40	29	8,562	1,836

Process	Parameter	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Lower critical lim	Upper critical lim	No. of samples
River level	River level (425003)	1.93	4.50	12.29	3.9		2558
Raw Water	pH	6.10	7.99	9.90			2500
Raw Water	turbidity	8.00	270.94	5,016.00			2353
Filtered water	pH	4.01	7.66	9.60	6.5	8.7	2502
Clarifier	Turbidity	0.10	0.77	4.70	0.0	4.0	2476
Tower	Free Cl2	0.40	2.40	5.00	0.2	5.0	2501
	Turbidity	0.04	0.21	0.70	0.0	1.2	2500
Bourke High Schoo	Free chlorine	0.50	1.46	3.30	0.2	4.0	147
Bourke High Schoo	pH	7.00	7.28	8.30	6.5	8.5	147
Bourke High Schoo	Turbidity	0.15	0.19	0.30	0.0	0.5	147
WTP	Free chlorine	0.80	2.08	3.40	0.2	4.0	135
WTP	pH	7.00	7.33	8.50	6.5	8.5	135
WTP	Turbidity	0.10	0.19	0.42	0.0	0.5	135
Bourke Primary Sch	Free chlorine	0.50	1.45	2.80	0.2	4.0	88
Bourke Primary Sch	pH	7.00	7.34	8.30	6.5	8.5	88
Bourke Primary Sch	Turbidity	0.14	0.19	0.35	0.0	0.5	88
Meadows Rd	Free chlorine	1.00	1.47	3.50	0.2	4.0	79
Meadows Rd	pH	7.10	7.35	8.12	6.5	8.5	79
Meadows Rd	Turbidity	0.14	0.18	0.32	0.0	0.5	79
Mitchell St	Free chlorine	0.63	1.42	3.00	0.2	4.0	83
Mitchell St	pH	7.10	7.55	8.50	6.5	8.5	83
Mitchell St	Turbidity	0.15	0.21	0.36	0.0	0.5	83
Alice Edwards Villa	Free chlorine	0.20	1.12	7.30	0.2	4.0	81
Alice Edwards Villa	pH	0.20	7.25	8.20	6.5	8.5	81
Alice Edwards Villa	Turbidity	0.17	0.27	0.50	0.0	0.5	81
Kidman Camp	Free chlorine	0.40	1.01	1.80	0.2	4.0	74
Kidman Camp	pH	7.10	7.41	8.50	6.5	8.5	74
Kidman Camp	Turbidity	0.14	0.24	0.35	0.0	0.5	74

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 2022 Test	Feb 2022 Test	Mar 2022 Test	Apr 2022 Test	May 2022 Test
Oil & Grease	mg/L	10	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
pH		6.5-8.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nitrogen (total)	mg/L	15	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Phosphorus (total)	mg/L	10	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total suspended solids	mg/L	20	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Biochemical oxygen demand	mg/L	15	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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 2022 was 8 mm
- Hottest day for June 2022 was 17.5 degrees
- Coldest day for June 2022 was 4.1 degrees

Recommendation

That Council note the information in the Parks & Gardens, Town Services and Water and Wastewater Engineering Services Department Activity Reports as presented to Council on Monday, 25 July 2022.

21.3 PLANNING, REGULATORY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - ACTIVITY REPORT

File Number: D3.1-A11.1-A8.1
Author: Dwayne Willoughby, Manager Environmental Services
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

Current Situation

Development Approvals			
Delegated Authority or Council	Consent Type & Consent No.	Subject Land	Nature of Development
Delegated	DA 2022/0015	Lot 12, DP 544008 39 Oxley Street, Bourke	Installation of Transportable Dwelling with Verandah & Carport
Delegated	DA 2022/0016	Lot A, DP417754 27 Adelaide Street, Bourke	Installation of Transportable Dwelling with Verandah & Carport
Delegated	DA 2022/0017	Lot 1, DP758144 15 Adelaide Street, Bourke	Installation of Transportable Dwelling with Verandah & Carport

Total value of Approved works for June 2022	\$1,113,000
No. of Development Application Approvals for June 2022	3
No. of Complying Development Application Approvals for June 2022	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	5	2
Seized	6	2
Surrendered	0	0
Handed in by members of the public	0	0

Seized by Police	0	0
Total	11	4
Euthanised	0	0
Released to Owner	2	0
Adopted	0	0
Re-housed	9	1
Died in Pound	0	0
Escaped from Pound	0	2
Animals Remaining at End of Month	0	1
Total	11	4
Stock Rested in Stock Yards	5	

- Attended complaints regarding 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 Planning, Regulatory & Environmental Services Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 25 July 2022 be received and noted.

21.4 GENERAL MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File Number: G2.1
Author: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Authoriser: Leonie Brown, General Manager
Attachments: Nil

30 June 2022

Regional Economic Development Strategies (REDS) Update

The Department of Regional NSW is currently in the process of updating its Regional Economic Development Strategies (REDS). These documents provide a tailored economic development strategy for each of the 38 Functional Economic Regions across Regional NSW. Bourke Shire is in the Western Plains Region of the State which comprises the Local Government Areas of Bogan, Brewarrina, Cobar, Coonamble, Walgett and Warren Councils.

As part of this project, the Department of Regional NSW has engaged Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) to help understand future regional development priorities and the economic impacts to regions of recent events including drought, bushfires, floods and COVID-19.

Last Monday, in the company of Councils management staff, I attended a REDS Update Workshop and contributed in respect of Bourke. Strategies are most important in terms of pursuing a direction and avoiding ad hoc decision making. In this regard, I noted a comment in the existing 2018-2022 Western Plains Strategy which states that, "A need has been identified to provide a regional air service between the Region's major towns and Dubbo as travel distances can be prohibitive for skilled workers and service providers considering opportunities in the Region." It is through these strategic documents where a broad need is identified that leads to an outcome, and in the case of Bourke, Cobar and Walgett/Lightning Ridge, that outcome is the provision of funding by Government that subsidises flights by Air Link Airlines and Fly Pelican to these areas.

Rural Health Reform

An important component of last week's State Budget will see the NSW Government implement a major regional health workforce incentive scheme with \$883 million to be spent over the next four years to attract and retain health staff in rural and regional NSW. The package will target critical and hard to fill roles to ensure the operation of regional health facilities, and will include nurses and midwives, paramedics, pathologists and scientific staff, pharmacists and allied health professionals, as well as support and ancillary staff.

It is understood that as part of the package, hard-to-fill, critical roles in rural and remote locations will be incentivised by offering health workers recruitment and retention incentive packages worth up to \$10,000 per year plus assistance with accommodation and relocation and some other non-financial incentives. Incentives can include a range of benefits, such as salary boost, sign on bonuses, retention payments, additional leave, assistance with childcare expenses, assistance with transport and housing support, and access to training and education.

In all the \$883 million investment will include funding for:

- Tailored incentive programs for healthcare staff to take up and retain positions in regional, rural and remote NSW – which can include a tailored incentive package of up to \$10,000 plus additional leave, relocation reimbursement, professional development and study assistance;
- Increased training positions for nursing graduates, nurse practitioners and medical interns;
- Expanding rural generalist and procedural training positions;
- Career development and secondment opportunities for healthcare workers based in regional, rural and remote NSW, including for those based in metropolitan areas to ‘try out’ working in regional NSW;
- Increased numbers of Aboriginal nurse cadetships, and
- HECS incentive package for allied health professionals.

It is very difficult to attract and retain staff to any profession at the moment let alone to rural and remote areas such as Bourke. Health services are obviously critical, and it is hoped that the Governments initiatives brings health workers and stability to our local health services.

IPTAAS Changes

In addition to the Workforce Funding for Health, last week's State Budget included significant changes to the rebates payable to those people who need to travel for medical treatment with an extra \$149m in funding provided for the Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Scheme (IPTAAS). The changes will result in patients receiving 40 cents per kilometre for driving their car more than 100km for treatment. The previous rate was 22 cents a kilometre. This means that if you had to travel the 850 km's from Bourke to Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney to see a specialist, and return, the Scheme would now pay a travel amount of \$680 compared to the previous \$374. In addition, accommodation rates have been increased from the existing \$43-\$60 per night to a flat rate of \$75 per night. Further information in respect of accessing the Scheme is available at: www.iptaas.health.nsw.gov.au

Funding Provisions

Council has received the go ahead from Infrastructure NSW to undertake the reconstruction and sealing of a further 9 km of roadway on the Wanaaring Road with the provision of \$2.6m in funding. This is a most pleasing outcome for the Bourke community as Council endeavours to seek further funding to complete the sealing of the remaining 27 kilometres of this important link road. I also noticed from last week's NSW State Budget that an amount \$13.30m has been allocated for major upgrades to the Bourke Police Station. Such upgrades are well overdue, and it is hoped that the upgrades can progress quickly given that a Development Application (DA) for the upgrade of the facility was essentially previously ready for submission. This follows a successful DA pre lodgement meeting attended by Council officers, Heritage Advisors and architects many months ago. Our Police work very hard and they deserve improved office working conditions to what are currently available.

Inquiry into Speed Limits

The Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety (Staysafe) is conducting an inquiry into speed limits and road safety in regional NSW with reference to:

- a) The impact of speed limits and travel times on driver behaviour and safety
- b) The impact of improved vehicle technology and road infrastructure
- c) The use of variable speed limits
- d) Any other related matters.

The Committee would like to hear from people who regularly travel long distances on rural and regional roads and their experiences of road safety, especially regarding existing speed limits and variable speed zones. Most people in the Bourke Shire have to travel long distances so this is a perfect opportunity to utilise your experiences and have your say about the current situation and how it can be improved. It may be that you feel the current speed limits on the open road are too low or that the licencing points system is inadequate given the number of kilometres travelled in this area of the state compared to the suburbs of metropolitan areas. Submissions close on 5 July 2022.

More information and updates over the course of the inquiry are available on the Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety website at the following address:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2878#tab-termsofreference>

Social Media

I was reading recently of a South Australian Council that decided to rescind an offer it had made in respect of engaging a highly qualified person to the role of Chief Executive Officer. The Council made the decision not to proceed after it came to light that the once successful applicant had strongly expressed his opinion in respect of a particular matter on social media which led to “community outrage. The Council issued a statement, stating that “In light of the feedback and with the best interests of the community and council’s employees in mind” it had been mutually agreed not to proceed with the intended appointment. It’s a great example of the downside of social media and an abject example of why we all need to be careful when we start expressing our opinions on social media. Once the written words or photos are uploaded, they are available for all to see. It’s fine to have an opinion but we need to pick where and how it is expressed.

Thank you

This is my final Column as General Manager with Bourke Council. Leonie Brown commences in the role effective next Monday, 4 July 2022. I take the opportunity to wish Leonie all the very best in her new position. I have enjoyed my 16-month term as General Manager in Bourke, working closely with Mayor Barry and Councils management team of Leonie, Peter, Melanie, Alex, Dwayne and Margo. They are all good people who work hard for Bourke. I thank the Councillors and all the Council staff for what they do for the community. Bourke is on the crest of a wave with current positive agricultural conditions, property prices, tourism traffic and the impending opening of the Abattoir, and the jobs that will come with such opening. I trust that the Bourke community “grabs” the opportunities that await.

Quote: “I think by the end of the year inflation will get close to 7 per cent, and we need to chart a course to bring it back down.” Reserve Bank Governor, Phillip Lowe.

7 July 2022**Retirement of Mark Riley**

As regular readers of this column would be aware, last weeks "From the GM's Desk" column was Mark Riley's last, with Mark retiring from Council this week after 17 months in the role at Bourke Shire Council. This week is my first column as General Manager and I will endeavour to provide informative information to readers going forward.

Mark's retirement from full time employment is the culmination of a near 40-year career in Local Government in NSW, with 34 of those years at Dubbo City Council and 14 of those years as General Manager. Mark first came to Bourke in November 2019 to assist Council with the impending visit to Bourke by the NSW Cabinet, with then General Manager, Ross Earl, away from Bourke visiting family overseas. Mark never left! He initially worked on Special Projects before accepting the invitation of Council to hold the position of General Manager until the Council recruited for a permanent General Manager after the Local Government Elections. Mark's expertise in all areas of local government and as a leader are respected by Council and all staff, the quite unassuming nature that he delivers has certainly taught me a lot.

Bourke Council at its meeting held on 27 June 2022 resolved that Mark be thanked for his outstanding contribution to Council during his term as General Manager and further, that Council wish Mark a long and happy retirement. I join with the Council in thanking Mark and wishing him and his wife Lisa, all the very best for the future.

Council Meeting

Council met for its June monthly meeting on Monday, 27 June 2022. There were numerous reports adopted that relate to Council's suite of Integrated Planning Documents including its 2022-2032 Community Strategic Plan, 2022-2026 Delivery Program, 2022/2023 Operational Plan (i.e., the budget) which also includes Council's Fees and Charges, Revenue Policy and Plant Replacement Schedule. The Resourcing Strategy comprising of the Long-Term Financial Plan, Workforce Management Plan, Asset Management Strategy, Asset Management Policy and Equal Opportunity Management Plan were all also adopted.

Access to the adopted Plans is available on Council's website for the community to review at any time. The adopted Plans shape the future of Bourke Shire Council and the community was engaged through a number of meetings with the development of these documents.

Wild Dog Fence

Planning Work continues in respect of the NSW Wild Dog Fence Extension Project with the Project Team continuing to meet with landholders, Aboriginal community members, stakeholders and the general public to provide the latest update on the project and seek feedback. Approvals for a 32 km priority section at the top of the NSW and South Australian alignment are continuing to progress, with work continuing on the Aboriginal cultural heritage approvals prior to construction commencing on this section.

While it is still too early to put a timeline on construction commencing, the Project Team has advised that it is confident it will be in a position to do this by the end of the year. The complexities

of the approvals process have certainly resulted in significant delays to the project timeline from what was originally outlined. Approvals for the Queensland alignment have been streamlined and documentation is now in its final draft for the first lot of approvals. In regard to the 440 km section of the fence from Hungerford to Mungindi, it is understood that the project is undertaking a phased approach to approvals and construction for this alignment. Extensive work has been completed to date on the assessments for biodiversity and Aboriginal cultural heritage, with work continuing into the second half of 2022.

The Project Team for the fence has advised that they are always happy to meet in person with local landholders to provide updates and take questions, and when this isn't possible, are happy to attend meetings online, provide updates over the phone or provide written updates. If you or your group would like to receive an update on the project, contact the Project Team on phone (02) 5852 1215.

2021 Census

Last week saw the release by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) of the results of the 2021 Australian Census. Readers will recall that on 10 August last year, whilst we were on "stay at home" COVID restrictions, each household was required to complete the required Census form as part of the count of every person and household in Australia, which is undertaken every five (5) years. Apparently following each census data release, there are questions raised as to what is an "average Australian" as determined by the data. The term Joe Average comes to mind. From this year's census data however, it is more a case of Josephine Average with the average Australian being a woman, aged 30 to 39 years, who is in a couple with children. The average Australian lives in a greater capital city area and has an average weekly family income of \$3000 or more.

Interestingly, the data also identified that half of all Australians have a parent born overseas with more than a quarter of Australian residents having been born outside Australia. In terms of country of birth statistics, the list is Australia, England and then India, with India having gone past China and New Zealand. All up, more than 1 million migrants arrived in Australia since 2017. As for Bourke, the census identifies that the Bourke Local Government Area (LGA) has a total population of 2,389 persons, with a 50/50 split in terms of the number of males/females, the median age being 36, a total of 547 families residing in the Shire with an average of 2.5 people living in the 1,336 dwellings in the LGA. The median weekly income is \$1,536. Unfortunately, the population of Bourke continues to decline, with the population from the 2016 Census being 2,695 people, a decline in 5 years of 306 people.

By the way, if you think you're seeing more caravans in Bourke, you would be correct. Since the last census in 2016, the number of caravans has increased 150 per cent such that there are now close to 60,000 caravans around the Nation.

Rural Fire Service

For some year's there has been an ongoing accounting dispute between the Audit Office of NSW and a significant number of NSW Councils as to accounting for the ownership of what is referred to as the "Red Fleet", that being rural fire tankers and the like, that are located throughout the State. This dispute is hopefully coming to a head following the recent release of the NSW Auditor-General's latest Report on Local Government.

In the Report, the Auditor General reiterates the State Government determination that Rural Fire Service (RFS) assets are the “property” of councils, who must therefore absorb all depreciation costs. From Bourke Councils perspective, along with some 67 other effected Councils, this determination is viewed as being simply incorrect and a decision which would force councils to absorb significant depreciation costs for assets over which we have precisely zero management or control. Councils have **no** say in the acquisition of the Red Fleet assets, **no** involvement in their deployment, and **none** in their disposal.

The State Government’s own *Local Government Accounting Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting* states councils are able to choose whether or not to record this RFS equipment on their books. Unsurprisingly, the 68 impacted rural and regional councils have refused to record these assets just as they refuse to wear costs which last year stood at \$145 million. The latest Audit Report is pushing the 68 Councils by recommending them to undertake a stocktake of RFS assets and record the value in their financial statements. In doing so they also warn councils that do not recognise the assets that they will be found non-compliant, meaning that these councils would receive qualified audit reports. This approach is disappointing. Local Government NSW (LGNSW) has stepped up to the plate and is pursuing this matter with various Government Ministers. LGNSW have urged them to finally clear up this mess once and for all by ensuring the NSW Government acknowledges rural firefighting equipment is controlled by and the property of the RFS. Hopefully, common sense ultimately prevails in this important matter

Quote: “It is never too late to be what you might have been”. George Eliot

14 July 2022

Alliance of Western Councils

The Mayor and I recently attended the quarterly meeting of the Alliance of Western Councils held in Nyngan. The Alliance comprises Councils from Bogan, Brewarrina, Central Darling, Cobar, Coonamble, Dubbo, Gilgandra, Mid-Western, Narromine, Walgett, Warren, Warrumbungle and Bourke Shires. Nyngan played host for the meeting bringing together Mayors and General Managers to discuss issues facing Councils and the community along with wider common issues facing Local Government in NSW.

Guest speakers at the meeting included The Hon. Dugald Saunders MP Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Western New South Wales; Ian George, Western NSW Regional Engagement Manager at Telstra; Ash Albury, Executive Director Regional Housing Supply, Department of Regional NSW and Fiona Nash, Regional Education Commissioner of Education, Skills and Employment. The Alliance Board will next meet in Bourke on 14 October 2022.

The Alliance is essentially a reiteration of the former Orana Regional Organisation of Councils (OROC) that, whilst a very successful collaborative Organisation, was disbanded by requirement back in 2017 when 13 Joint Organisations were formed throughout regional NSW. Whilst the Far North West Regional Organisation of Councils, comprising the Councils of Bourke, Cobar and Walgett, has been a success, the jury is still out as to the success or otherwise of the remaining organisations. The Orana Joint Organisation (JO), which comprised Bogan, Gilgandra, Mid-Western, Narromine, Warren and Warrumbungle Councils, with Dubbo and Coonamble Councils deciding back in 2017 not to join, has not met for a considerable time and member Councils were keen to form an alliance essentially based on the former successful OROC footprint.

NAIDOC Week

A full calendar of events was part of last week's NAIDOC celebrations in Bourke. Despite the rain and typical winter weather, the 2022 NAIDOC celebrations commenced with the opening on Monday, 4 July and concluded on Friday 8 July 2022. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It was great to see a large number of activities held here in Bourke and congratulations are extended to the organising committee.

Along with other activities attended during the week, on the Friday, the Mayor and I attended a Remembrance Ceremony convened by the Bourke RSL Subbranch and the Bourke Aboriginal Corporation Health Service to recognise the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Men and Women who served in every conflict and commitment involving Australian defence contingents since Federation. This includes both World Wars and the intervals of peace since the Second World War. It was most appropriate to gather for this solemn service during NAIDOC week to pay tribute to those Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans who served in the Australian forces and recognise their significant contribution to Australia.

New Financial Year

1 July 2022 obviously saw the commencement of the new financial year. This means a considerable amount of work for the finance staff of Bourke Shire, as it does with most businesses. Council's finance staff have been busy undertaking the end of financial year processes including reconciliations, stocktakes and ensuring the rollover of ledgers. With Council's external auditors expected here in mid-August 2022, the team will be busy completing the Financial Statements for 2021/2022 noting that, as a result of the good work of staff, Bourke Shire Council was the 2nd Council of the 128 Councils in NSW to lodge its Financial Statements last year.

Mitchell Lane

Bourke residents and visitors to town would have noticed road works being undertaken around the wharf area and along Mitchell Lane, which runs past the rear of the Council building onto Richard Street. These works are the final works to complete the upgrading and beautification of this important historic part of Bourke. The roadway has been built up and drainage installed in preparation for a new seal of Sturt Street and Mitchell Lane. The carpark adjacent to the levee will also be sealed allowing more space for larger vehicles and caravans to park.

Council has received considerable positive comments regarding the improvements completed in recent times around town including Central Park, Renshaw facilities, Main Street upgrade and at the Bourke War Memorial Olympic Pool and it is pleasing to hear of the general appreciation of the improvements.

Back O' Bourke Information and Exhibition Centre

Every year, Tripadvisor celebrates attractions that consistently deliver amazing experiences with a Travellers' Choice Award. This year, the Back O' Bourke Information and Exhibition Centre has proudly made the list and are in the top 10% of attractions worldwide. Yes, worldwide. In the late 1990's the vision of an exhibition centre was first discussed. That vision has come a long way from those early days of meetings, design plans, funding applications and ultimately construction to

become a reality when the Back O' Bourke facility was officially opened on 24 October 2009 by the current Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon. Anthony Albanese. At the time, Mr Albanese was Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government. Recognition as a top attraction worldwide is testimony to the efforts of all those involved from day 1 and onwards.

Congratulations to all our Council Tourism Staff that continue to welcome visitors to our beautiful Centre and town. The Staff do a brilliant job selling the features of Bourke and its many attractions. With the current school holidays, the Information and Exhibition Centre has seen a significant increase in attendance numbers, both at the Centre and Café, in recent weeks. Staff informed me that recently one morning, they sold 36 pieces of carrot cake during a 2-hour period! That's a lot of cake sold and an indication of the level of activity that is currently occurring. The team also tell me that it's been hard to find a spot to park out there in recent weeks, which is a good problem, as literally caravan after caravan attends the Centre. One can only imagine the attendance numbers on the PV Jandra if it was operating during this busy period, but for the height of the River. Essentially, once the Darling River reaches a height of 7 metres, the Jandra cannot operate due to safety concerns. Given the current flows in the River, and now the flood conditions in the Macquarie River which flows into the Macquarie Marshes, then into the Barwon River and ultimately into the Darling River above Bourke, I suspect that we may not see the Jandra operating again this tourist season.

Hydrometric Gauging Stations

Talking of the River, the NSW Government has commenced work on 5 new or upgraded river gauging stations for communities in the northern Murray-Darling Basin. The gauging stations will deliver critical water data to water users, communities, and water management agencies across northern NSW. One of the gauging stations is located near Bourke with others located near Brewarrina, Quambone, Walgett and Wilcannia. The stations are part of the Hydrometric Network and Remote Sensing Program, funded by the Australian Government. The gauging stations will deliver transparent, accurate and accessible data in real time to water users, communities and stakeholders alike, building on more than 1300 monitoring sites already available in real time to the public. Information available from the new stations will include stream levels, flow volumes, and water quality.

The sites will enhance the network so Government can better manage stream connectivity, compliance, environmental water release, and extreme events. The new stations will add even more localised data, leading to a better understanding of local conditions with a view to balancing the needs of water users and the environment, and better prepare for floods and droughts.

Western Regional Water Strategy

On 30 June 2022, staff from the Department of Planning and Environment were in Bourke to hear from the community about the draft Western Regional Water Strategy, proposed amendments to the Barwon-Darling water sharing plan, and the proposed rules for floodplain harvesting access licences to be included in the Barwon-Darling water sharing plan. The Mayor, former General Manager Mark Riley and I, all attended the session. We spoke of the need to raise the height of the weir at Bourke and further spoke against any plans to remove the weirs downstream of Bourke, known as Weir 19A and 20A. Council has subsequently made a submission in respect of these matters.

Quote: “The bad news is that the across-the-board falls in commodity prices probably reflect a conviction that recessions around the world and a slump in activity and demand are looming.” Stephen Bartholomeusz- Business Columnist.

21 July 2022

Foot and Mouth Disease

I was raised on a farm at Fords Bridge. Whilst a tough environment, it was an idyllic lifestyle on a wide, open and expansive landscape. We loved our livestock, during both good and tough times. Many in the Bourke region have experienced this lifestyle, as have many others throughout the regions across the nation. With those good times in mind, my skin crawled in recent weeks when I learnt of the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Indonesia, and specifically in the popular tourist spot of Bali. In terms of quantifying this popularity, the Indonesian Government is expecting to see some 1.4 million Australians return to Bali, following the relaxation of COVID restrictions, by the end of 2022.

If this insidious disease was to come to our shores, Australia’s \$80 billion (yes billion) livestock industry would be devastated. When Foot and Mouth afflicted the United Kingdom back in 2001, millions of pigs, cattle and sheep were required to be slaughtered and carcasses burned as part of the plan to overcome the disease. I remember the grim television pictures from the UK at the time as so many animals were burnt. Transport of livestock was halted as was the sale of animals. No exports. The livelihood and lifestyle of so many producers were similarly destroyed. Tourism suffered badly. I could go on and on in respect of the impacts, however I think it’s fair to say it would not be good for any of us.

The responsibilities of Government in these types of matters are enormous and there has been plenty of press from many calling on the Federal Government to take all necessary steps to protect Australia from the disease being potentially transferred to Australia. Personally, with so many tourists travelling between Bali and Australia, it is my view that as a nation, we are highly-exposed to the threat of foot and mouth coming to our shores. The NSW Minister for Agriculture, Dugald Saunders, who is also the Minister for Western NSW, has been active in lobbying the Federal Minister for Agriculture, Murray Watt, seeking increased surveillance for everyone coming back from Bali by having their luggage checked and their shoes, both what they wear and pack in their luggage, decontaminated. Our Federal Member for Parkes, Mark Coulton has supported the Federal Leader of the Nationals, David Littleproud in his calls for the Government to Act. We certainly can’t afford to miss the boat on this critical matter.

Staysafe Committee

The NSW Parliamentary Staysafe Committee, which the Member for Barwon, Roy Butler is a member, has recently conducted an inquiry into Support for Regional and Rural Learner Drivers. At the invitation of Roy, Councils former General Manager, Mark Riley, made both a written submission and gave evidence to the Committee as part of its enquiry. From Marks submission, on behalf of Council, he was of the view that there were significant impediments in obtaining a driver’s licence in the Far West. The Committee has now completed its report and submitted the report to the NSW Parliament. I read that Roy has reported that the main findings of the inquiry were: “That some people “face challenges in being able to present sufficient identification documents in order to apply for a driver licence.” Others face “literacy and numeracy challenges,

resulting in the Driver Knowledge Test being less accessible to them". In regional and rural areas many learner drivers face "significant barriers to accessing driving programs and instructors". Also, many drivers in the country "learn in vehicles with low safety ratings due to insufficient safe cars being available or affordable."

The report made 21 recommendations including that the Department of Customer Service look at improving and streamlining access to identification documentation and consider waiving or subsidising the cost. There is a recommendation that the government review the knowledge test to take account of varying levels of literacy and numeracy, and that they look at ways of making a range of driver training programs more accessible as well as creating "a publicly accessible database of all driving programs offered across Australia." In his submission, Mark made comment of the success of the Birrang Enterprise Development Company who provide a Learner Driver Program in Bourke. Mark noted that Birrang assist in working out the finances of getting a licence, with eligible students able to access funding in respect of test and licence fees. Birrang also assist students master the Learner Driver knowledge test and then help students accrue the driving hours needed to finalise their licence.

Road Works

Councils Road Construction Crew has recommenced reconstruction and sealing works on the Wanaaring Road, being the Romani to Wangamana section of the roadway. Councils aim is to complete the sealing of a further 8km of the Wanaaring Road by August 2022.

Following the completion of the sealing works of the Romani to Wangamana section, the crew will then continue work on the 6th section of the upgrading of the Wanaaring Road project. This section of the road involves another 8 km of reformation and new seal. Council has programmed to complete 4 km of this section by October 2022.

When these works are finalised, only some 27 km of unsealed road between Bourke and Wanaaring will remain. Council is currently in the process of seeking funding to seal the remaining 27 kms of roadway. When successful, this will result in the Bourke to Wanaaring Road being totally sealed; something that was very much a distant dream only five (5) years ago.

Council road crews have also completed the reconstruction and sealing of 10 km of roadway on the Louth Road. This 10 km section is 48 km from the Kidman Way turnoff and joins the seal at the Rose Isle turnoff. In addition to these works, Council is planning to seal an additional 3 km as an add on to this section in September 2022. In addition, Council's maintenance crew has completed roadworks on the Bourke to Wilcannia and Dowling Track Roads and is now moving to the Mooleyarrah Road to undertake maintenance grading.

Davidson Oval Master Plan

Bourke Shire Council is currently developing a master plan for Davidson Oval in partnership with sport and recreation planning specialists ROSS Planning. The purpose of the master plan is a guide for the future use and development of Davidson Oval over the next ten years, ensuring that it meets the needs of the community and sporting user groups.

Staff from ROSS Planning will be on site on the afternoon of 25 July to undertake site inspections and to discuss issues with the sporting user groups. These groups will be contacted by ROSS Planning prior to the 25 July to arrange a suitable time to meet on site, most likely after school

hours. Members of the public who are not involved with any of the sporting groups are also invited to come along and provide their input between the hours 5:30-6:30pm at the PCYC on 25 July.

Local Heritage Fund

Applications for grant funding under the Local Heritage Fund are closing at 4.00pm on Friday, 5 August 2022. These are small grants that are offered in conjunction with the NSW Government on a \$ for \$ basis to private homeowners for restoration and repair work. Application forms can be downloaded from Council's website (<https://bourke.nsw.gov.au/planning-and-environment/heritage-funding>) with forms also available at Council's office and the Library. Application forms can be emailed and/or posted, if required. Council has been offering this funding for a number of years and many projects have been completed during that time. Projects have included the replacement of front fences, painting of buildings, restoration of brickwork and window replacement, to name but a few.

If you think that you have a project that may be eligible for funding, or you wish to make an appointment with Council's Heritage Advisor, contact Council's Environmental Services Department on 6830 8000 for further information.

July Council Meeting

The next Council meeting of Bourke Shire Council will be held on 25 July 2022 with the meeting commencing at 9.15am. The meeting will be live streamed with the link for the livestream being advised on Council's Website at approximately 9.00am on the meeting day.

Should any resident wish to raise an issue in relation to the items on the agenda, they are invited to make application to address Council during Public Forum, which would be held at 9.00am on the day of the Council meeting. Applications can be made via email: bourkeshire@bourke.nsw.gov.au or via telephone 68308000. Such contact needs to be made by 4.00pm on the Friday prior to the meeting day.

Air Link Courtesy Vehicle

Air Link Airlines, who operate the air service between Dubbo/Bourke and return each Monday, Thursday and Friday, have recognised that there is a need to be able to provide their passengers with the opportunity to have access to a vehicle whilst in town, particularly those persons with no real connections in town. In this regard Air Link provide a courtesy car for that purpose. Air Link provide an excellent service to our community with the availability of this vehicle an example of this service. Details in respect of the flights and contact details to make arrangements in respect of the vehicle are available at: www.airlinkairlines.com.au

Quote:

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

NSW Farmers Biosecurity Chair, Ian McColl, talking on the threat of Foot and Mouth disease.

Recommendation

That the information in the General Manager's Activity Report as presented to Council on Monday, 25 July 2022 be noted.

21.5 LIBRARY MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT FOR JUNE 2022

File Number: L4.1
Author: Jodi Hatch, Library Manager
Authoriser: Melanie Milgate, Economic Development Manager
Attachments: Nil

Current Situation

The following items for the June 2021 - June 2022 period are presented for your information:

Item	June 2021	June 2022
Loans	579	570
New Members	18	20

Other statistical information:

	June 2021		June 2022
Internet/Word Processing	42	Internet/Word Processing	27
Wireless Tickets	26	Wireless Tickets	13
Number of Visitors	826	Number of Visitors	528
Scans	55	Scans	23
Information Requests	62	Information Requests	81
Technical Assistance	187	Technical Assistance/Printing	45
Faxes	4	Faxes/Laminating	2

- This month the library held 3 Dungeons & Dragons sessions, 2 Be Connected sessions and 1 kids craft session.
- Our online trivia night was held again this month, with 18 people attending.
- We had a very exciting visitor this month, with Stig Weymss coming to Bourke to talk to kids from Bourke Public School, St Ignatius Parish School, Koinonia Christian Academy and Louth Public School. Stig is the narrator of the Andy Griffiths Treehouse books, and put on two fabulous shows, promoting the library and BorrowBox. All the kids attending enjoyed the shows enormously, with several coming to the library to sign up.



Recommendation

That the information in the Library Manager's Report for June 2022 as presented to Council on Monday, 25 July 2022 be noted.

21.6 TOURISM & EVENTS MANAGER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

File Number: T4.3
Author: Fran Carter, Manager Tourism & Events
Authoriser: Melanie Milgate, Economic Development Manager
Attachments: Nil

Background

The Bourke Shire Councils Tourism and Events Manager's activity report provides Council with an updated status report for June 2022, relating to its tourism team's activities through visual data including graphs and statistics to allow for the measurement of the team's progress and performance.

Current Situation**Back O Bourke Information & Exhibition Centre, Ben Nott –Team Leader Tourism Operations****June 2022**

- BOBEC continued to be opened 7 days a week in June in both Café and Exhibition Centre.
- Turnover in May was up approximately 12% on May.
- Visitor number for June were 2227 compared to 2016 in May.
- Incoming calls for June were up approximately 10 % on May.
- PV Jandra has not run since 21/4/2022. It is, hopefully back running in August.
- Exhibition Centre tickets sold in June were up approximately 6% on May.
- Mt Oxley tickets sold were up 100 % due mainly to dry weather and roads being opened.
- Café turn over in June was up 20% on May.
- June was a solid month as roads opened again. We had a lot of vans through Bourke during the last week of June - all heading north for the Big Red Bash. The Darling River Run was busy, but flood water will cut it off early July once the water travels down the river system.
- The PV Jandra has not run again this month. While the high river and water is very beneficial, we are missing the cruises with many enquiries again during this month.
- The Crossley has run 22 times during June and has been a major draw card, up to 40 people every time we start it. Thanks to our staff who promote and operate it.
- The Back O' Bourke Information Centre gardening staff have been busy spraying lawns and mulching gardens. The grounds look great. Thanks to the Shire gardens department that have helped with the broad area mowing.
- The Café and Information Centre had another great month. Being open on weekends has been hard but rewarding. The Centre has been supported very well by the community and most Sundays is standing room only. The café this month has catered for 3 tour groups including breakfast, lunch and even sandwiches for their next bus leg. The café is growing, and the staff have done a great job.

- The Bald Archy exhibition ran until 26 June 2022. It was enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.
- June was the end date for the “Dine and Discover Vouchers”. The Centre put through over \$20,000 worth of vouchers for both the Café and Exhibition Centre in the last 12 months. Credit must go to the centre staff for literally asking every customer if they had a voucher and would they like to use it. This equates to approximately 870 vouchers.
- The Centre had three (3) Function Centre bookings over the month of June - 2 of these were on weekends while we also had the Art Exhibition.
- The Centre had five (5) tour groups during the month. Cardwell’s Coaches, Outback by Air, Brendan’s Aussie Tours, Down Under Tours and Rail Holidays.

In all, June was another successful month. We are looking forward to a big July with school holidays travellers.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Jan		448	560	325	326	302	348	386	782	1109	816	603
Feb		157	397	271	373	391	220	282	1043	386	630	725
Mar	810	570	1500	1051	1342	1612	1245	1274	1021	412	1389	1100
April	2507	2144	3103	3146	3849	3118	3114	4024	3166	0	2387	2323
May	2656	2891	3758	3988	4602	4073	3983	4770	3693	0	2564	2016
June	2952	3216	4492	4275	5437	5199	4754	5634	4490	993	2366	2227
July	4362	4643	5173	6241	6002	5941	5982	7614	6834	2570	1068	
Aug	4187	4162	4410	4793	5078	4951	5051	5548	4052	1898	255	
Sep	4295	5074	4275	4764	4489	4532	4246	4676	3601	3325	0	
Oct	2674	3967	2383	2486	2370	2475	2463	3574	2222	5246	409	
Nov	1012	930	789	671	610	1031	876	1014	1220	1989	866	
Dec	386	347	207	242	272	281	255	630	860	1194	897	
Total	25841	27649	31044	32253	34750	33906	32537	39454	32984	19122	13647	

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.

Recommendation

That the information in the Tourism and Events Manager’s Activity Report for June 2022 as presented to Council on Monday, 25 July 2022 be noted.

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Nil